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3. Friendship Band. Yellow or white gold color effect mounting or sterling silver.



4. Friendship Ring, solid sterling silver in the smart, popular sweetheart design.



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9. Man's ring with dazzling center and 2 simulated sapphires on each side. White gold color effect mounting.



10. Child's Signet Ring. Yellow or white gold color effect.



11. Wedding Ring. Band design. Yellow gold or yellow color effect, or sterling silver mounting.



12. Man's Ring set with single brilliant simulated diamond. White gold color effect.



13. Man's Solitaire Ring with simulated diamond in square mounting. Yellow or white gold color effect.



14. Ladies' Solitaire Ring. Large center simulated diamond with smaller stones.



15a. Man's Ring set with two simulated diamonds. White gold color effect.



16a. Man's Signet Ring with yellow gold color effect. A superb ring for the conservative dresser.



17a. Ladies' Cluster Style Ring. A beautiful ring set with 7 clear, brilliant simulated diamonds set in a cluster. White gold color effect. Pierced mounting.



18. Ladies' Birthstone Ring, with simulated diamond in square mounting. Yellow or white gold color effect.



19. Ladies' Solitaire Engagement ring. Yellow gold color effect, or sterling silver.



20. Ladies' Solitaire Engagement ring with 5 brilliant simulated diamonds in yellow gold color effect mounting.



21. Man's Ring with brilliant simulated diamond. White gold color effect mounting.



22. Ladies' Solitaire engagement ring. Extra large, brilliant simulated diamond. Yellow or white gold color effect.



23. Ladies' Solitaire Engagement Ring, exceptionally brilliant simulated diamond. Tiffany Style setting. White or yellow gold color effect.



24. Love & Friendship Ring. Solid sterling silver. Beautifully engraved. Also used as wedding ring.



25. Ladies' Plain Wedding Band. Yellow or white gold color effect, or sterling silver.

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26. Man's Ring with large simulated Ruby also in assorted colored stones. Yellow or white gold color effect mounting.



27a. Man's Military Ring—U.S. Army insignia—Heavy Solid Sterling Silver or yellow gold color. Massive design.



28. Ladies' Solitaire ring with large, brilliant center diamond simulated and 3 smaller stones on each side. Yellow or white gold color effect mounting.



29a. Man's Military Ring—U.S. Army insignia—Solid Sterling Silver—Massive design.



30. Ladies' Solitaire Ring with gorgeous square cut simulated emerald or ruby. White gold color effect mounting.



31a. Man's Military Ring—U.S. Marine insignia—Massive design in yellow gold color effect and Sterling silver.



32a. Man's Military Ring—U.S. Navy insignia—Solid Sterling Silver—Massive design.



33. Large center simulated Ladies' Solitaire Ring. Diamond—3 smaller vivid stones. Yellow or white gold color effect mounting.



34. Ladies' Ring with beautiful simulated diamond (simulated). Yellow or white gold color effect.



35. Man's Signet Ring. White gold color effect mounting.



36a. Ladies' Dinner Ring with large, unusually clear brilliant simulated diamond set in center surrounded by smaller stones. White gold color effect.



37a. Love & Friendship Ring, choice design also used as Wedding Ring. Yellow or white gold color effect, or sterling silver.



38a. Ladies' Solitaire Ring. Center stone is genuine diamond chip. Solid Sterling Silver mounting.



39. Ladies' Solitaire Ring. Sparkling simulated diamonds. White gold color effect mounting.



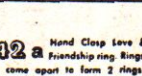
40. Man's Signet Ring. Also for boys. White or yellow gold color effect mounting.



41. Ladies' Solitaire Ring with large center simulated diamond and 3 smaller stones. Yellow or white gold color effect mounting.



42. Hand Clasp Love & Friendship ring. Rings come apart to form 2 rings. Made of sterling silver.



43a. Ladies' Wedding Band. 7 large brilliant simulated diamonds. White or yellow gold color effect mounting, or sterling silver.



44a. Man's Wedding Ring. Yellow or white gold color effect, or sterling silver.



48. Wedding Band. Set with sparkling simulated diamonds. White or yellow gold color effect mounting, or sterling silver.



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46a. Man's ring with square cut simulated garnet. Yellow or white gold color effect mounting.



47. Man's ring with square cut simulated garnet. Yellow or white gold color effect mounting.



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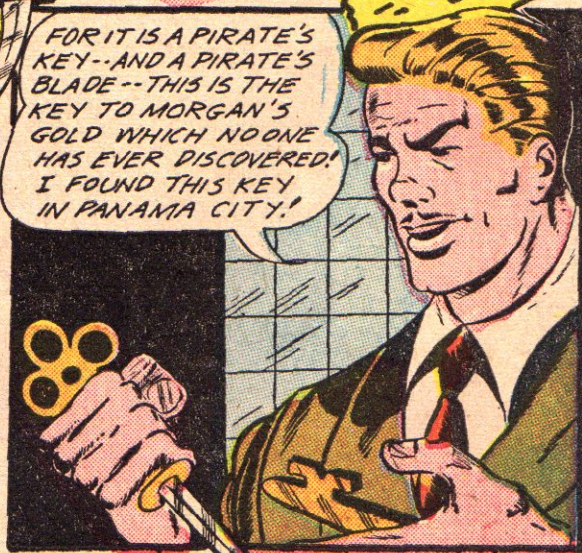
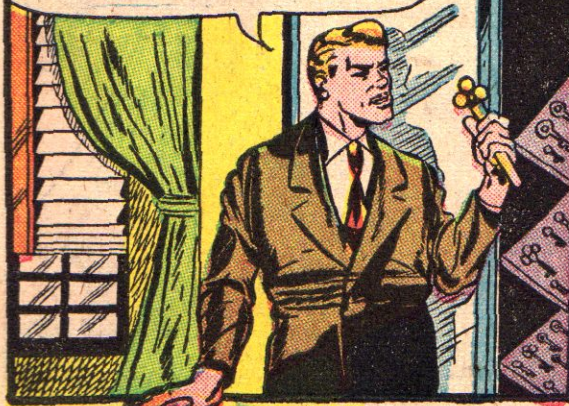
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IN THE HOME OF DR. JEFFERY QUICK--

THIS KEY! WHAT A STORY IT COULD TELL! IN FACT, IT HAS QUITE A STORY BEHIND IT!

FOR IT IS A PIRATE'S KEY--AND A PIRATE'S BLADE--THIS IS THE KEY TO MORGAN'S GOLD WHICH NO ONE HAS EVER DISCOVERED! I FOUND THIS KEY IN PANAMA CITY!



PANAMA CITY
1929

BARTENDER, WHAT
KIND OF A KEY IS THAT?
YOU SEE I AM A
COLLECTOR OF CURIOUS
KEYS!

OHG! EL SENOR
AMERICANO DEL
NORTE IS INTERESTED
IN MY KEY! IT IS
A WONDERFUL
KEY--HERE, I'LL
SHOW IT TO YOU!



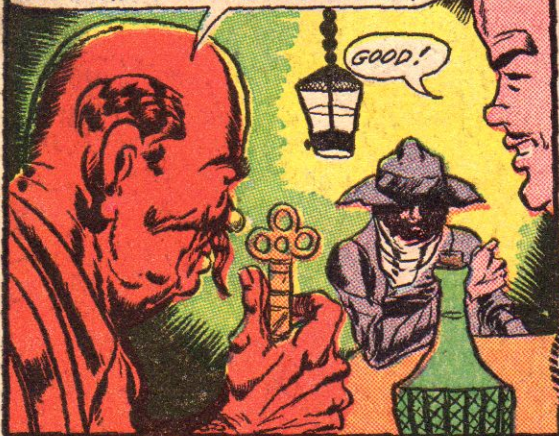
YOU SEE--THIS KEY CAN DO
MORE THAN UNLOCK A DOOR!
IT CAN SPILL BLOOD--
AND IT HAS---

YOU SEEM TO
KNOW THE
STORY--PLEASE
TELL IT TO ME!



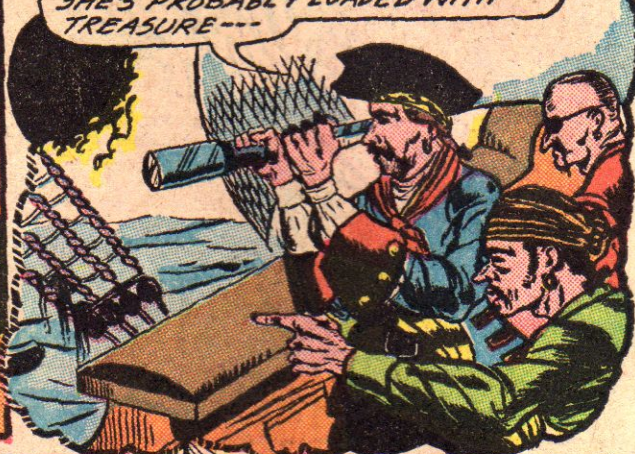
AH--THE BUSINESS FOR TONIGHT
IS FINISH--NOTHING BUT--HOW YOU
SAY--WOACHERS--SO I WILL TAKE
THE TIME TO TELL THE STORY!

GOOD!

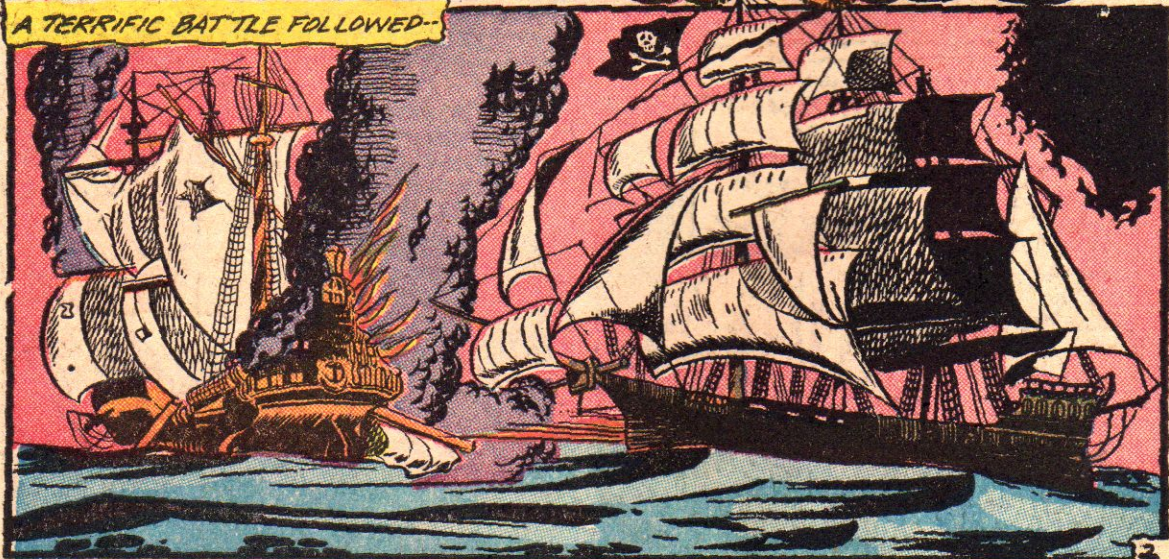


IT ALL STARTS, SENOR, WHEN THE PIRATE, HENRY
MORGAN, SPOTS A SPANISH MERCHANT SHIP--

AYE, LADS--SHE'S A SPANIARD--AND
SHE'S PROBABLY LOADED WITH
TREASURE---



A TERRIFIC BATTLE FOLLOWED--



AFTER 'EM, ME HEARTIES!

WE'RE WITH
YE, HENRY!

AFTER A SHORT BUT FIERCE FIGHT, MORGAN
AND HIS CUT THROATS WERE VICTORIOUS--

GOOD WORK, LADS--NOW TO PLUNDER!
YE CAN KEEP WHAT YE FIND ON THE
DEAD FOR YOURSELVES! I'M GOING
BELOW TO SEE WHAT IS IN THE CARGO
AND THAT WE SHARE FAIR AND SQUARE!

THAT'S THE
TALK, HENRY!

HO-HO!
WHAT HAVE
WE HERE?

DON'T
COME NEAR
ME--YOU BEAST!

SO THE
SHEEP
CRINGES
FROM
THE
WOLF!
HO-HO!
MY GIRL--
HENRY
MORGAN IS
NOT SO
BAD---

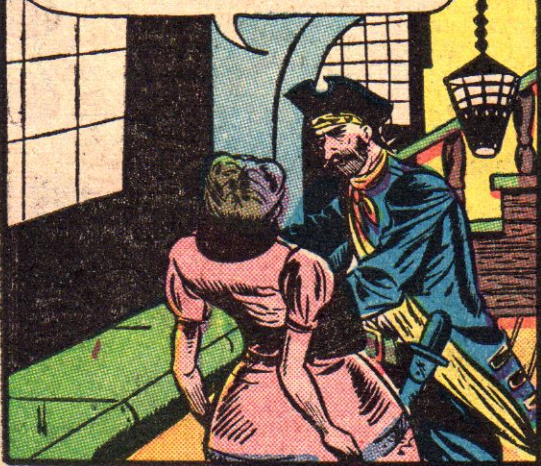
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LITTLE
IDIOT!

STAND BACK OR
I KILL MYSELF!

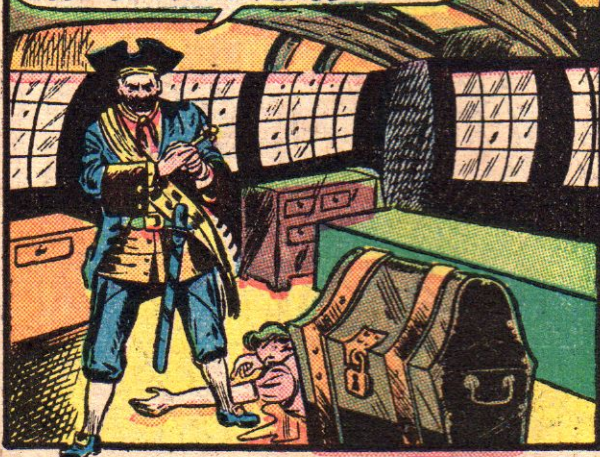
YE SPEAK
LIKE A FOOL, GIRL!
GIVE ME THAT
DAGGER!

OH-OH--
OH--
I'M---

SHE IS DEAD! AND A PITY IT IS -- SUCH A BEATEOUS LASS! WELL, I WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT KEY DAGGER!

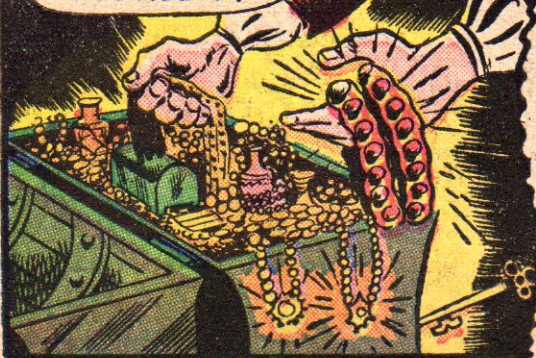


THIS IS A VERY CLEVER STUNT BUT I WONDER WHAT THE KEY FITS-- AH-- YON CHEST MIGHT BE A GOOD STARTING PLACE---

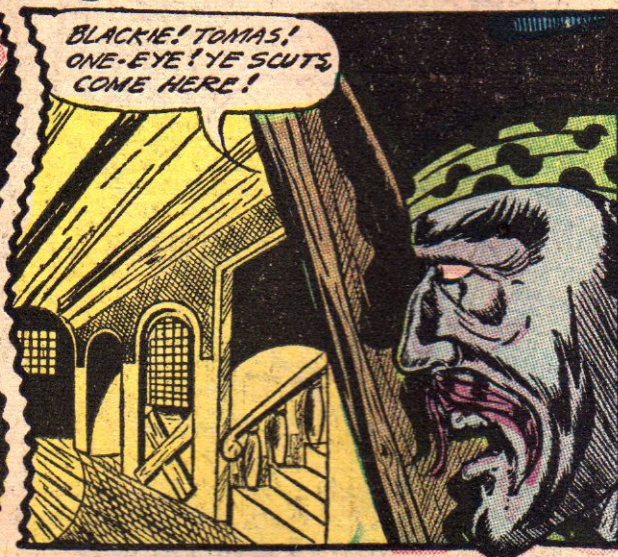


MORGAN GUESSED CORRECTLY, SENOR, FOR THE DAGGER KEY OPENED THE CHEST

GREAT HORNED TOADS! TIS A KING'S RANSOM! THIS I WILL KEEP FOR MYSELF!



BLACKIE! TOMAS! ONE-EYE! YE SCUTS, COME HERE!



I FOUND A TREASURE CHEST HERE! WE'LL TAKE IT AND BURY IT! GET THE LONG BOAT! THE OTHERS ARE SO DRUNK BY NOW THAT THEY'LL NEVER NOTICE US LEAVING! THIS IS OUR SECRET!

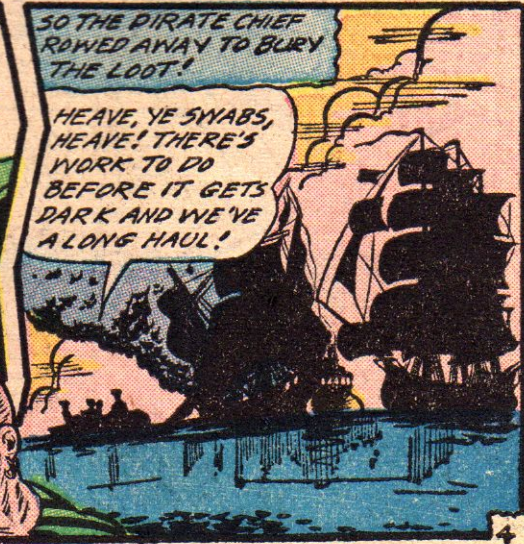
THAT IS THE BUSINESS OF SENOR EL CAPITAN MORGAN! COME ON TO THE LONG BOATS!

SURE, HENRY-- AND DID YOU KILL YONDER LASS?



SO THE PIRATE CHIEF ROWED AWAY TO BURY THE LOOT!

HEAVE, YE SHYABS, HEAVE! THERE'S WORK TO DO BEFORE IT GETS DARK AND WE'VE A LONG HAUL!

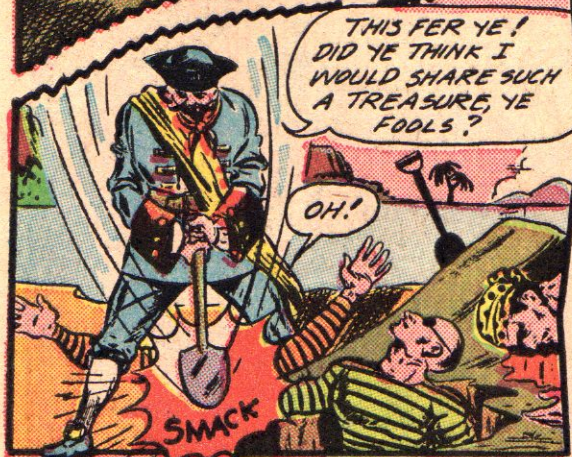




LATER, THE
PIRATES CACHED
THE LOOT!

FINE, LADS--IT'S DEEP
ENOUGH NOW...

IT'S HARD
WORK, CAPTAIN!



THIS FER YE!
DID YE THINK I
WOULD SHARE SUCH
A TREASURE, YE
FOOLS?

OH!

SMACK

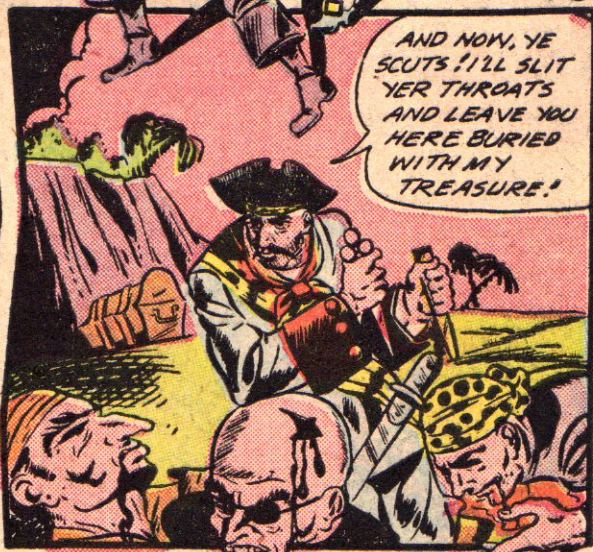


THIS SHOULDN'T BE
AS HARD---DIE
YE SWAB!

CRACK

HENRY--WHA--?

HENRY!

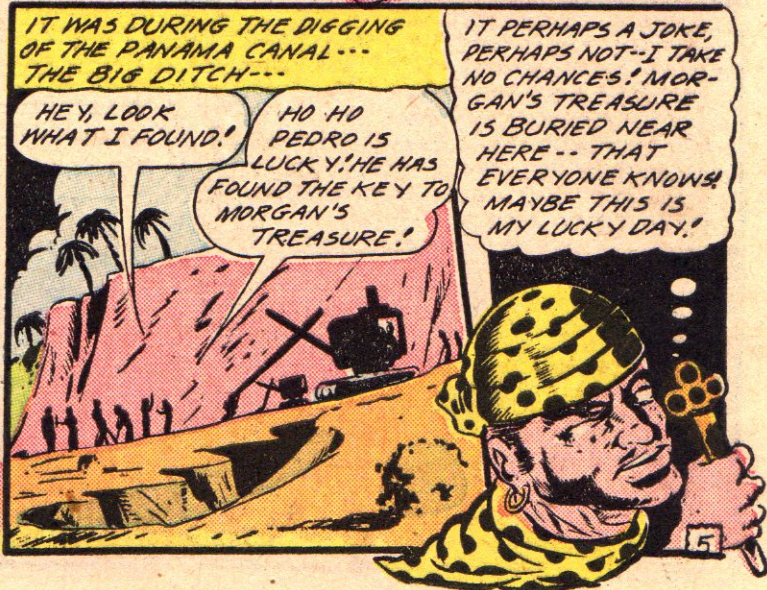


AND NOW, YE
SCUTS! I'LL SLIT
YER THROATS
AND LEAVE YOU
HERE BURIED
WITH MY
TREASURE!



FASCINATED, DR. QUICK LISTENS
TO THE SORDID TALE---

MORGAN KILLED THE MEN
AND LEFT THEM TO GUARD
THE TREASURE WITH THEIR
BONES---THEN, SENOR, THE
STORY STOPS FOR A
WHILE UNTIL ONE
DAY IN 1912---



IT WAS DURING THE DIGGING
OF THE PANAMA CANAL---
THE BIG DITCH---

HEY, LOOK
WHAT I FOUND!

HO HO
PEDRO IS
LUCKY! HE HAS
FOUND THE KEY TO
MORGAN'S
TREASURE!

IT PERHAPS A JOKE,
PERHAPS NOT--I TAKE
NO CHANCES! MOR-
GAN'S TREASURE
IS BURIED NEAR
HERE-- THAT
EVERYONE KNOWS!
MAYBE THIS IS
MY LUCKY DAY!

AND THIS HUMBLE LABORER WENT ON FOR YEARS, FRUITLESSLY SEEKING THE PHANTOM TREASURE--HE SANK LOWER AND LOWER UNTIL---

SEE! YOU SEE--I HOLD THE KEY TO THE TREASURE--HA! HA! HA! I AM RICH--DO YOU HEAR? RICH---

SHUT UP, YOU BUM!

WHO SPEAKS TO ME LIKE THAT? I'LL CUT HIS MOLDY HEART OUT!

YES? JUST TRY!

HEY--THE KEY'S A DAGGER! THIS IS TREACHERY!

PULL A TRICK KNIFE ON ME, YOU WOULD!

HA! LOOK AT HIM--THE RICH ONE--AH--I'LL TAKE THIS--IT IS A BEAUTIFUL BAUBLE--AND VERY HANDY!

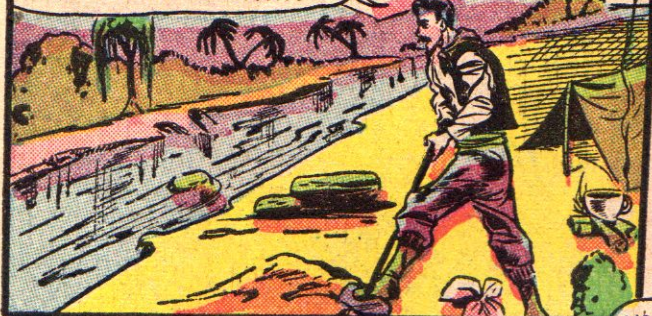
THAT ONE SPOKE OF THE TREASURE--WHO HAS TREASURE IN PANAMA? THIS MUST BE CONNECTED WITH THE TREASURE OF MORGAN! BAH! THAT CAN NOT BE--HE SPOKE LIKE A CRAZY MAN--BUT--THE FABULOUS HIDDEN TREASURE OF MORGAN----

AND LIKE SO MANY OTHERS, THIS MAN TOO, STARTED THE SEARCH OF THE TREASURE OF HENRY MORGAN--

MAYBE I WILL BE THE LUCKY ONE!

BUT LUCK WAS NOT WITH HIM, AND HE SEARCHED VAINLY FOR MORGAN'S GOLD, FOLLOWING EACH CLUE TO ITS BITTER END--

HERE, PERHAPS--BY THE PACORA RIVER, WHERE THE INDIAN LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE TREASURE IS BURIED--I WILL END MY SEARCH!



NO! I'VE BEEN A FOOL... THERE IS NO TREASURE... HA! HA! HA! I'VE BEEN A FOOL! HA! HO! HA!



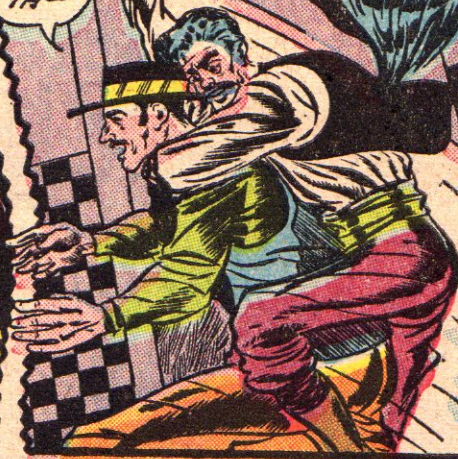
THE POOR FELLOW'S MIND SNAPPED--AND ONE NIGHT--

HERE COMES SOMEONE! HE SHALL PAY! EVERYONE SHALL PAY FOR WHAT I HAVE SUFFERED!



WHAT TH--

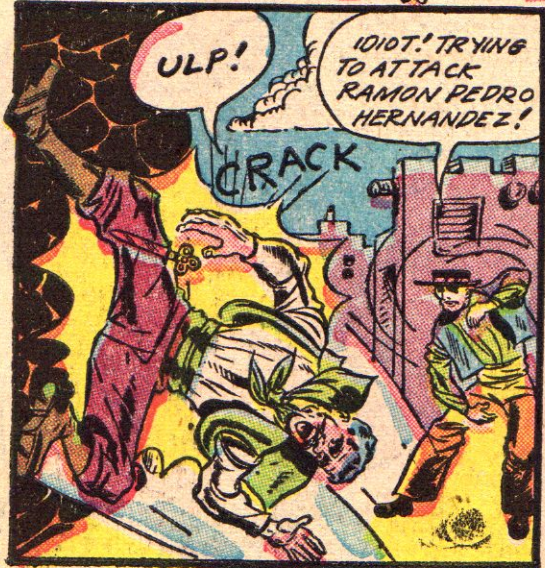
NOW I'LL GET MY REVENGE!



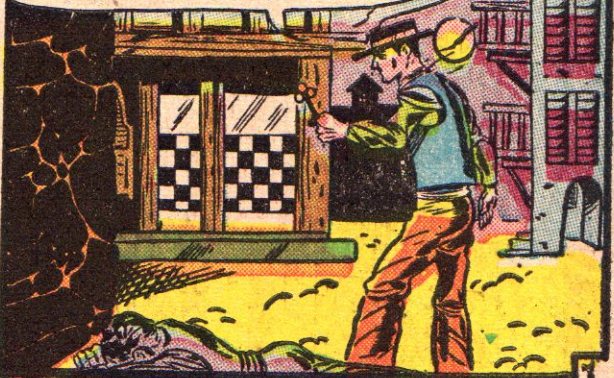
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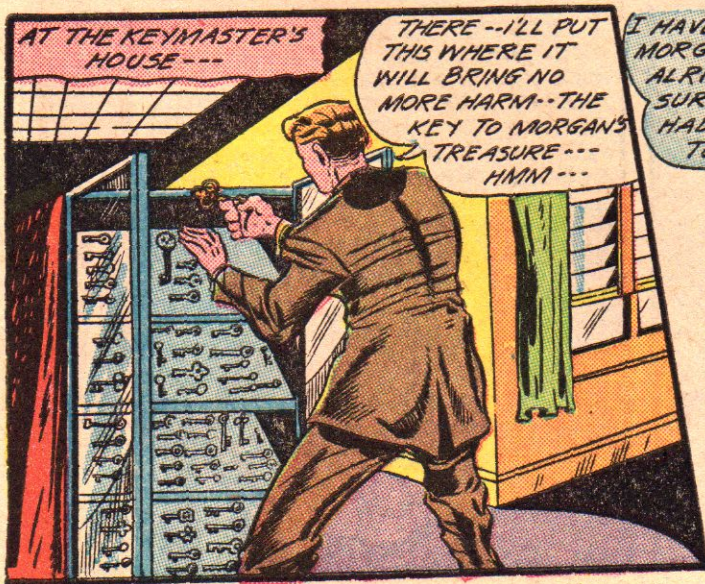
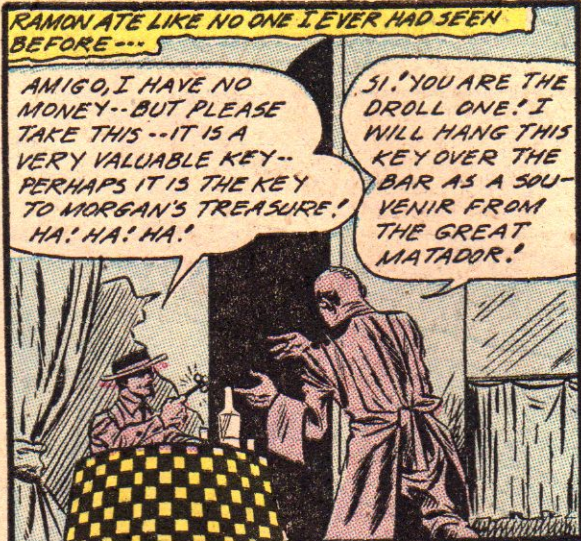
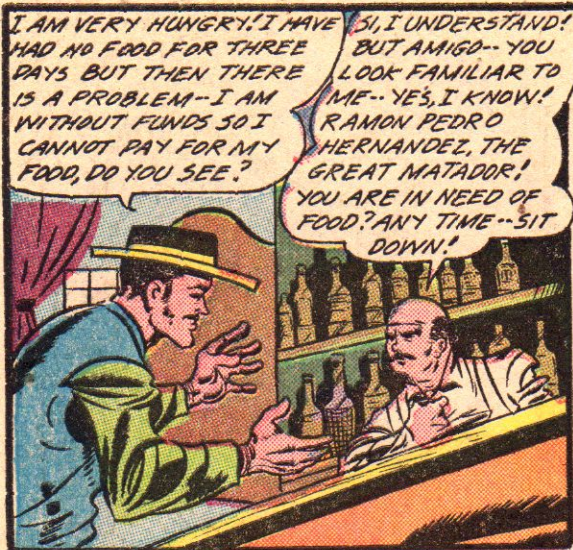
IDIOT! TRYING TO ATTACK RAMON PEDRO HERNANDEZ!

CRACK

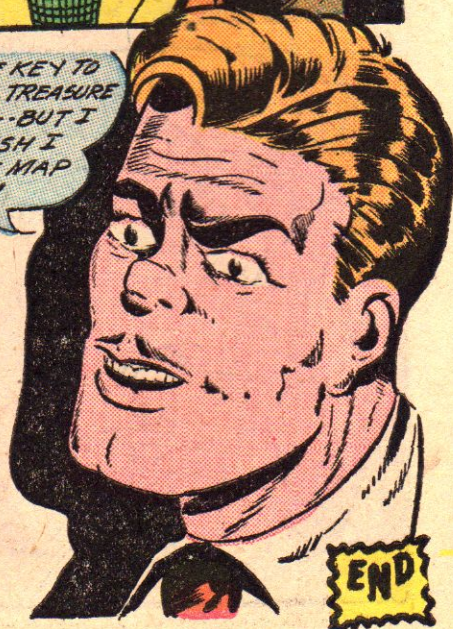


I TOSSED HIM A BIT TOO HARD--WELL HE TRIED TO KILL ME! I WONDER WHY? I HAVEN'T ANY MONEY--NOT EVEN ENOUGH FOR A MEAL! MAYBE THIS KEY MIGHT BUY SOMETHING TO EAT! I'LL TRY THIS BAR!

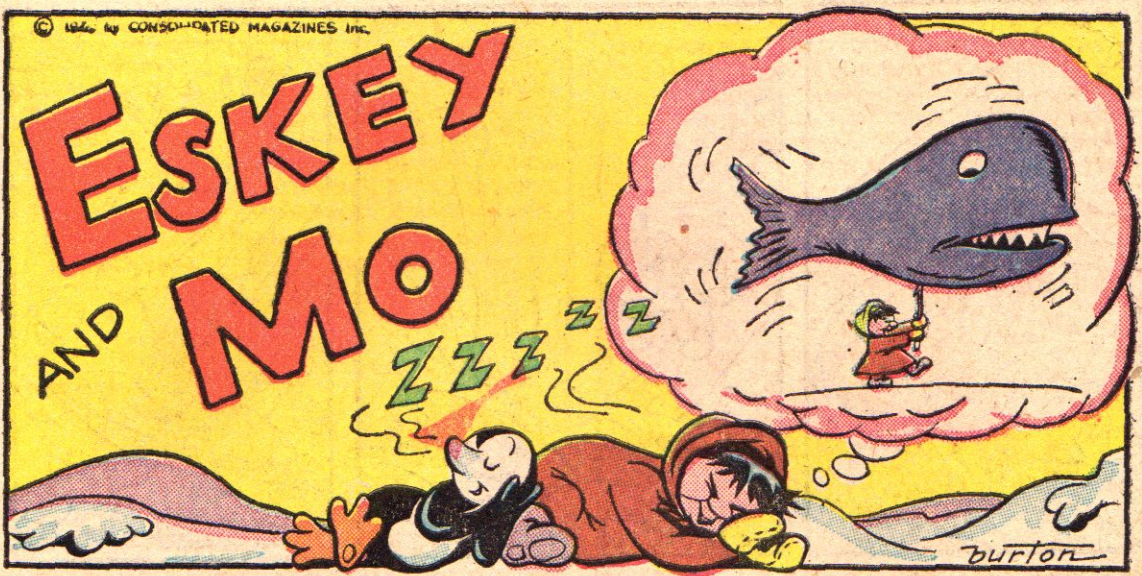




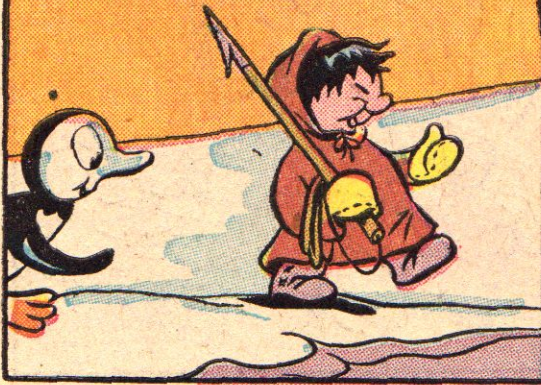
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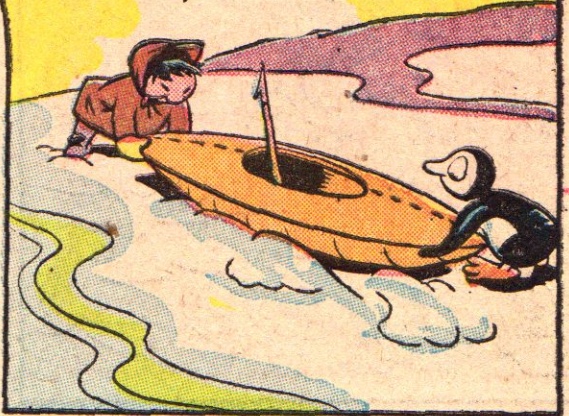
ESKEY AND MO



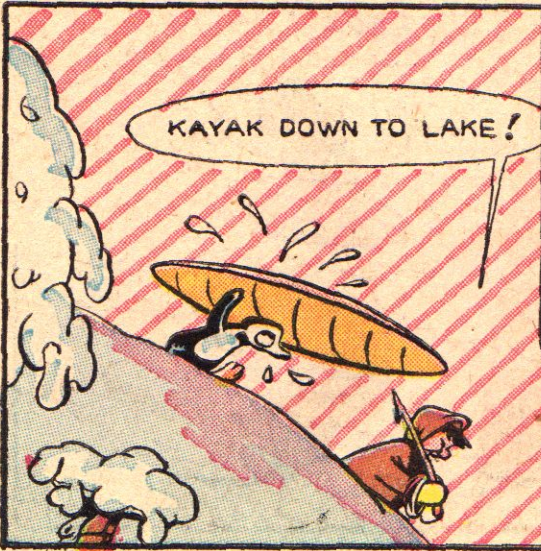
LET'S GO SAIL —
ESKEY CATCHUM WHALE!



MO AND ESKEY TAKE ---

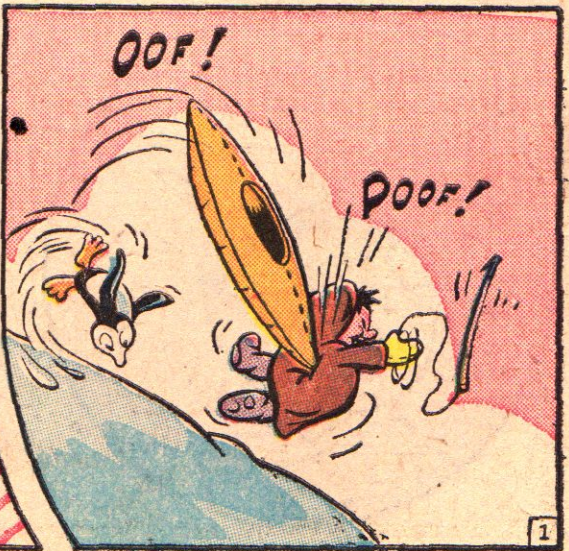


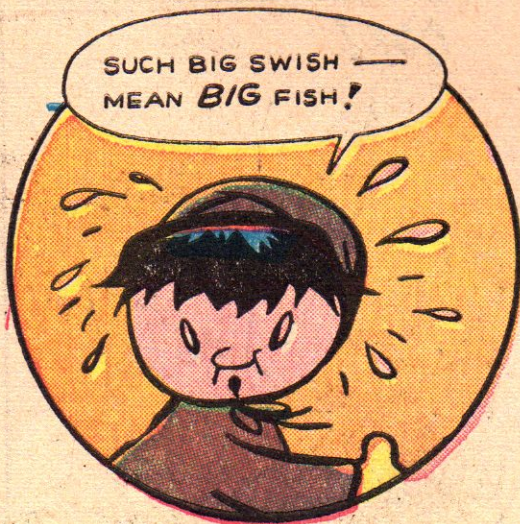
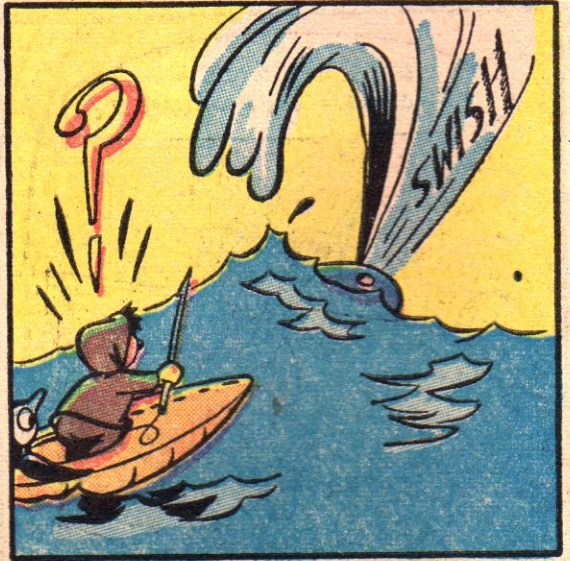
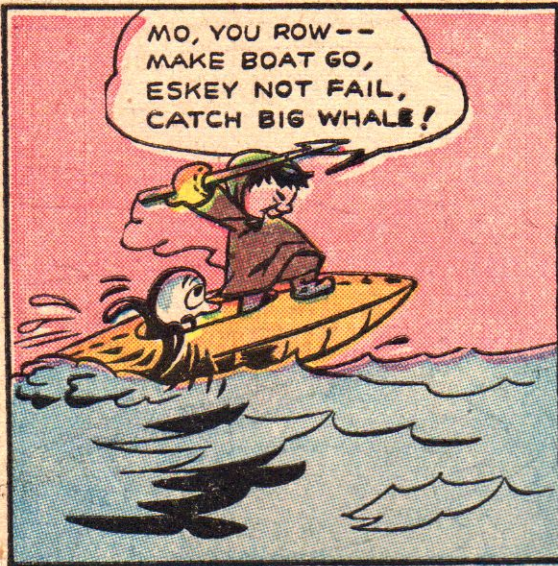
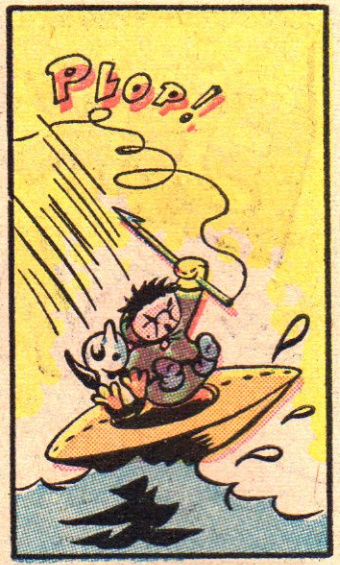
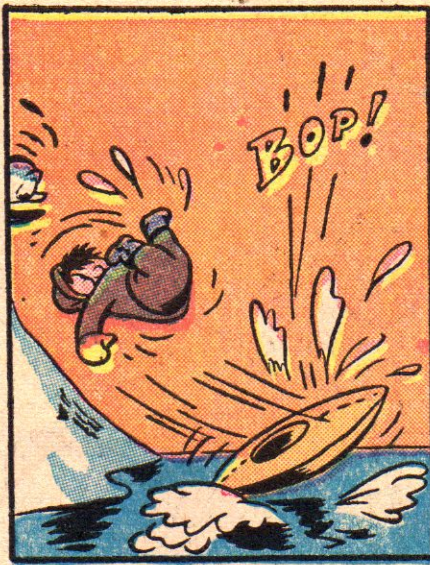
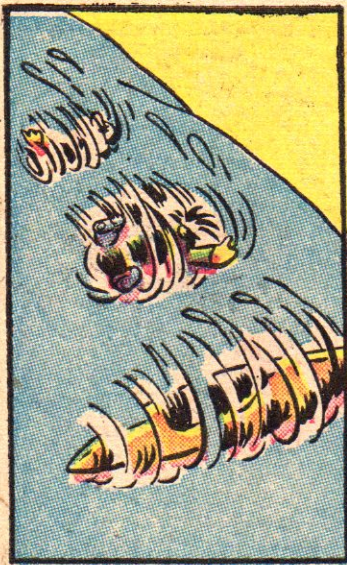
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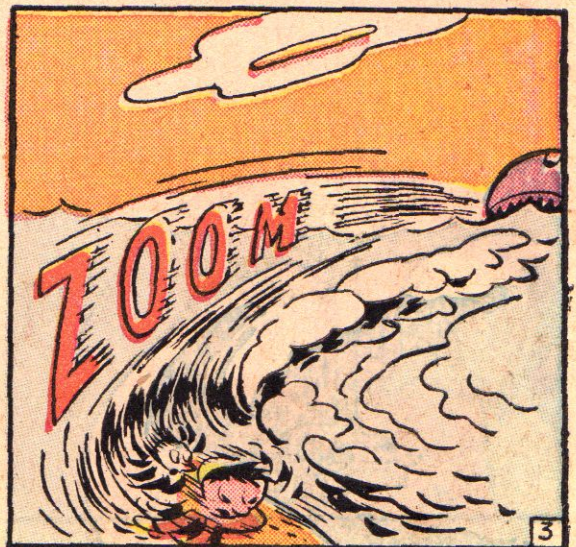
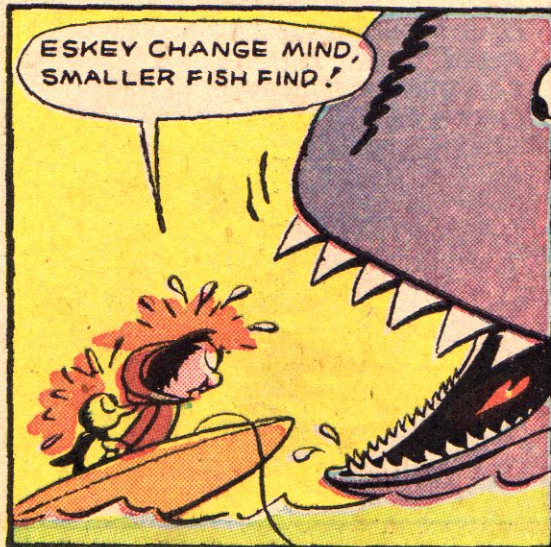
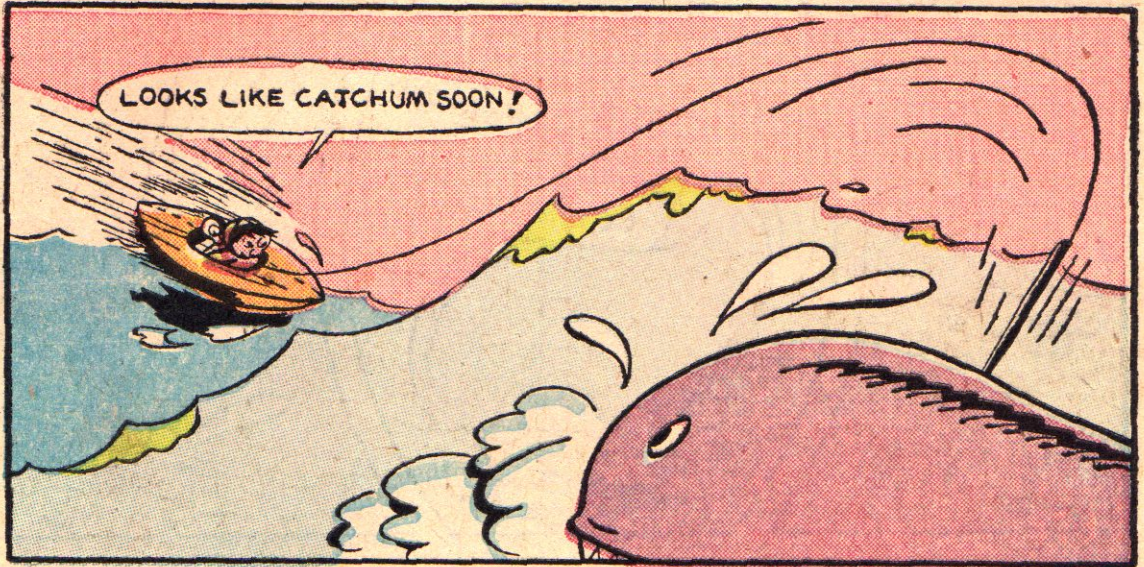
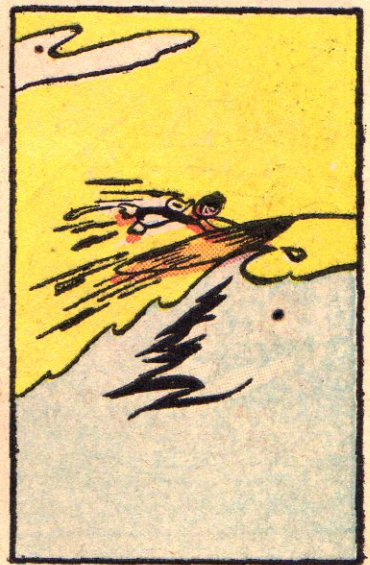
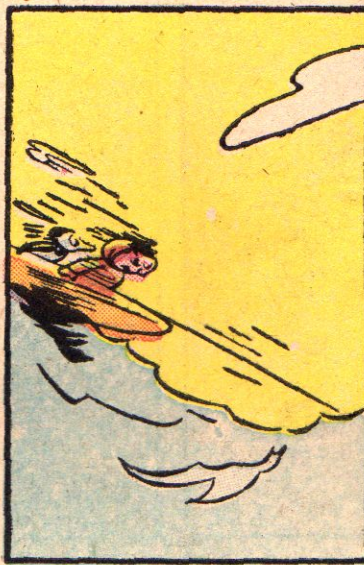


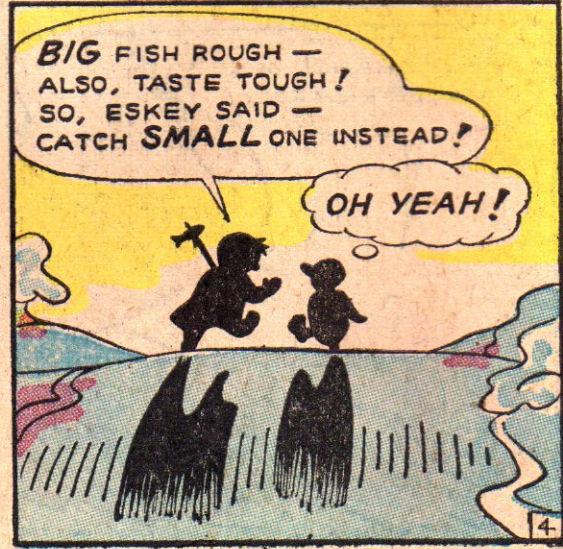
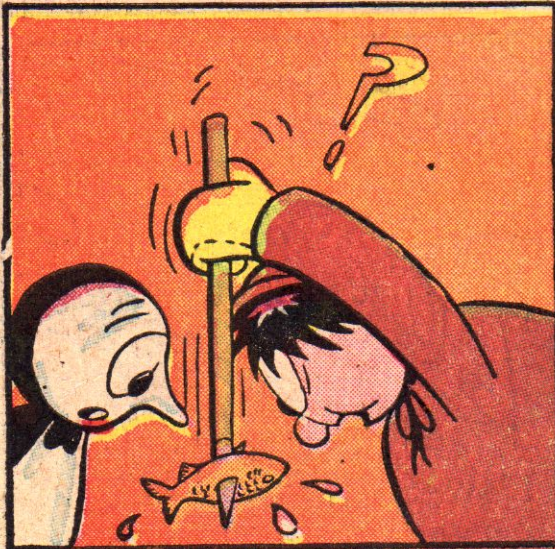
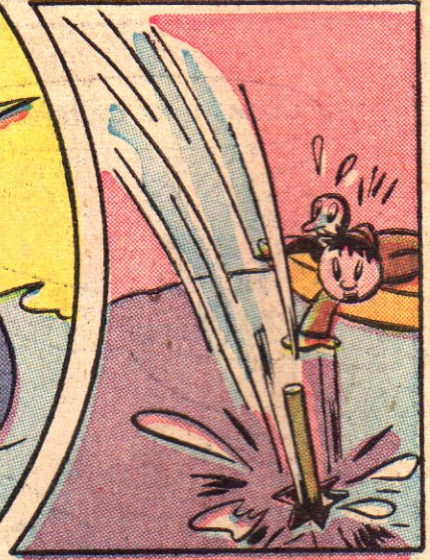
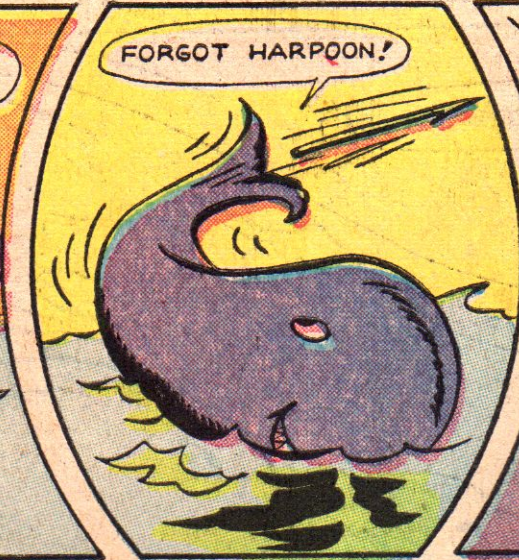
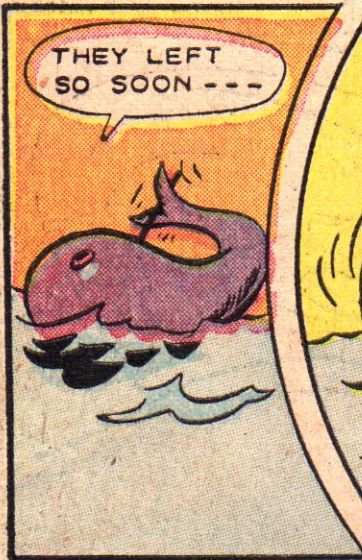
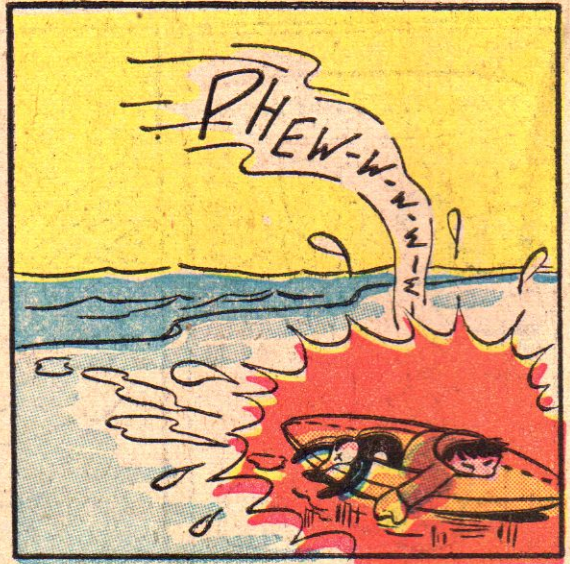
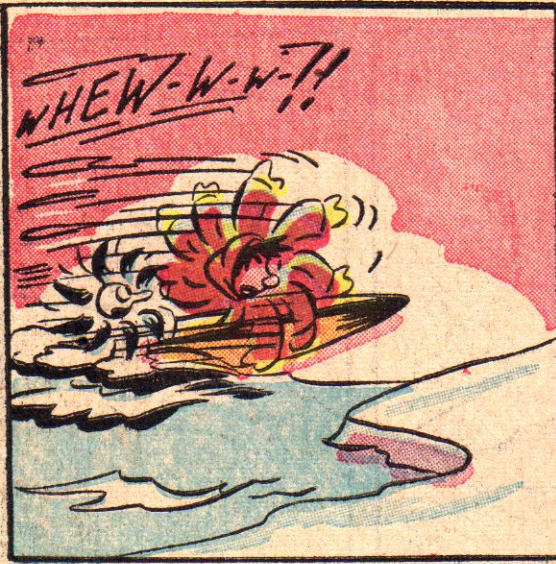
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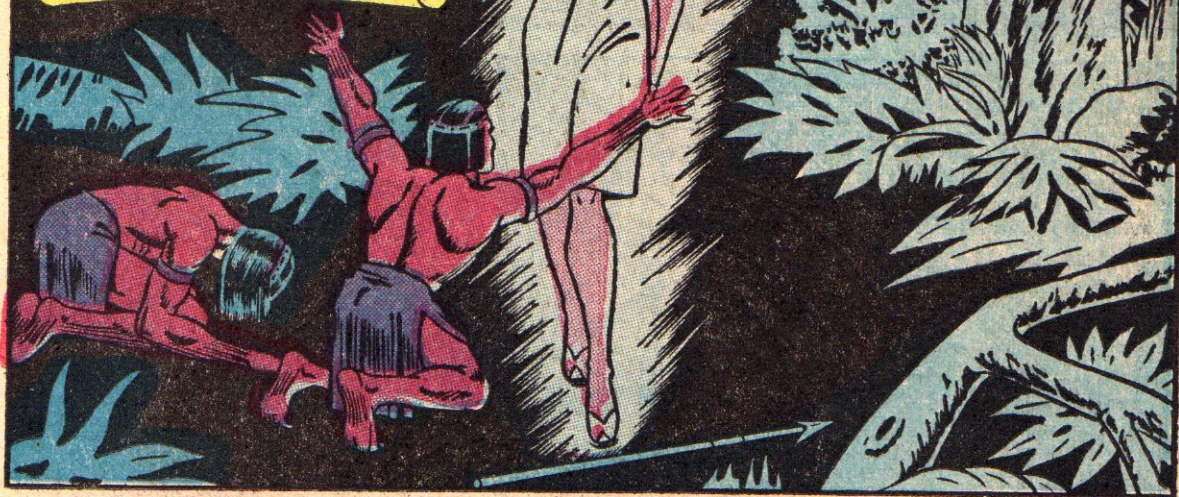






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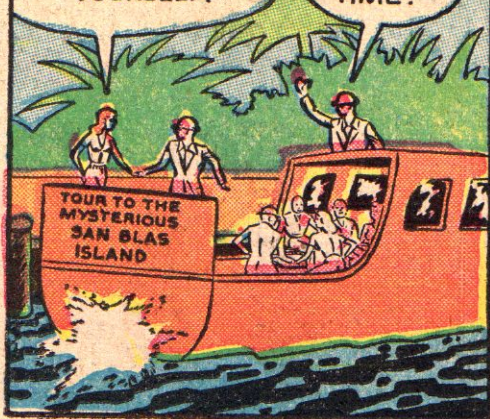
A SIGHTSEEING TOUR TURNS INTO AN ADVENTURE WHICH FORCES GALE LEARY, "THE WILL O' THE WISP," TO USE HER MAGIC POWERS TO THEIR FULLEST EXTENT WHEN SHE FACES SUDDEN DEATH ON THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND OF THE SAN BLAS INDIANS OFF THE COAST OF PANAMA.



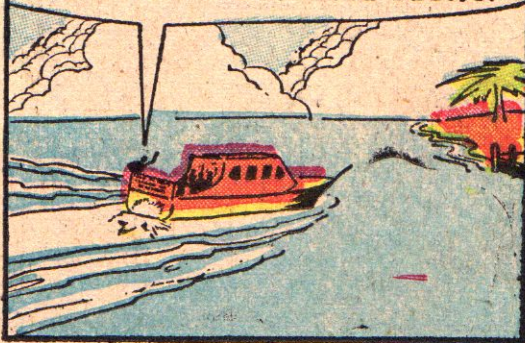
GALE LEARY AND HER FATHER ARE IN PANAMA AND GALE DECIDES TO DO SOME SIGHT SEEING!

I'LL BE BACK FROM THIS TRIP TONIGHT, DAD. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!

ALL RIGHT, GALE, HAVE A GOOD TIME!



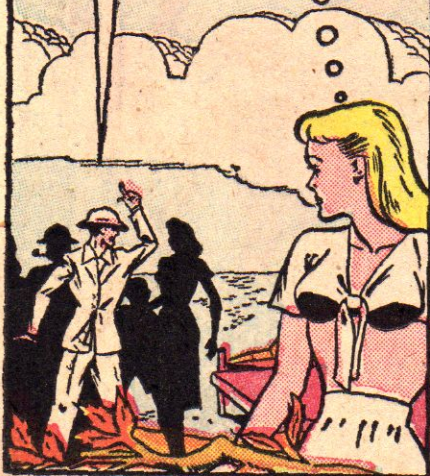
REMEMBER, FOLKS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR YOU TO LEAVE THE ISLAND BEFORE NIGHTFALL. IT IS SAN BLAS LAW THAT ANY OUTSIDER LEFT ON THE ISLAND AFTER DARK MUST DIE. PLEASE BE CAREFUL TO RETURN BACK TO THE BOAT WHEN THE WHISTLE BLOWS!



**SHORTLY AFTERWARDS THE
BOAT DOCKS...**

NOW, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN, KEEP
CLOSE TOGETHER
AND FOLLOW ME.

I'M GOING OUT
ON MY OWN...
I WON'T BE
LED LIKE A
SHEEP!



IT SEEMS THAT THIS
TRAIL LEADS RIGHT INTO
THE JUNGLE. I'LL FOLLOW
IT FOR A LITTLE WAY!

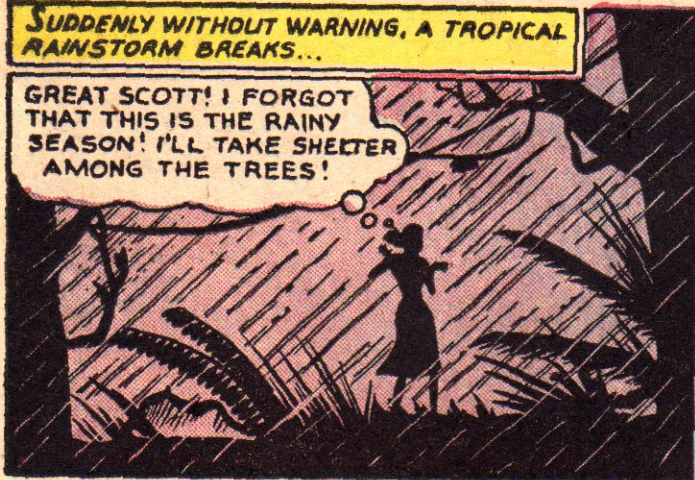


WHEW--- THIS IS HOT WORK!
I SURE WISH I COULD FIND
A STREAM--- I'M PLENTY
THIRSTY!

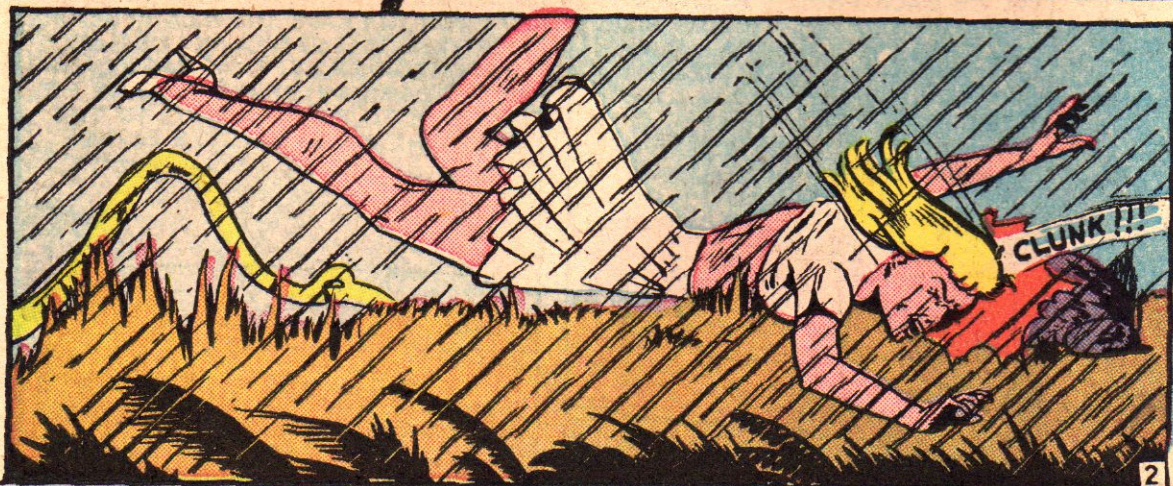


**SUDDENLY WITHOUT WARNING, A TROPICAL
RAINSTORM BREAKS...**

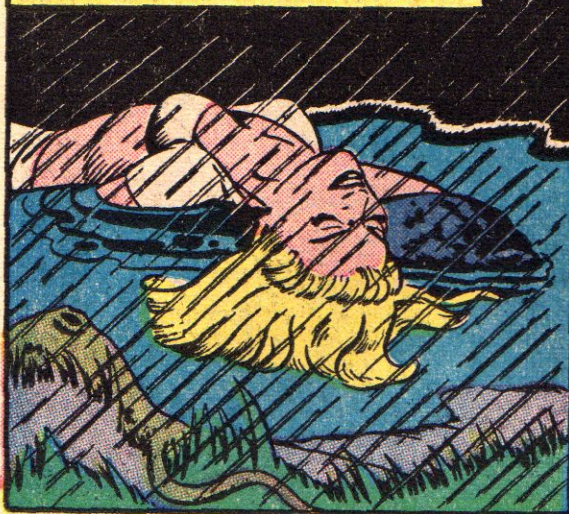
GREAT SCOTT! I FORGOT
THAT THIS IS THE RAINY
SEASON! I'LL TAKE SHELTER
AMONG THE TREES!



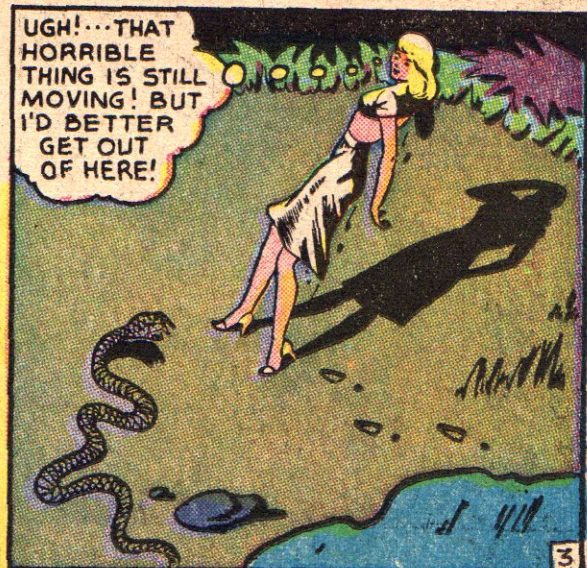
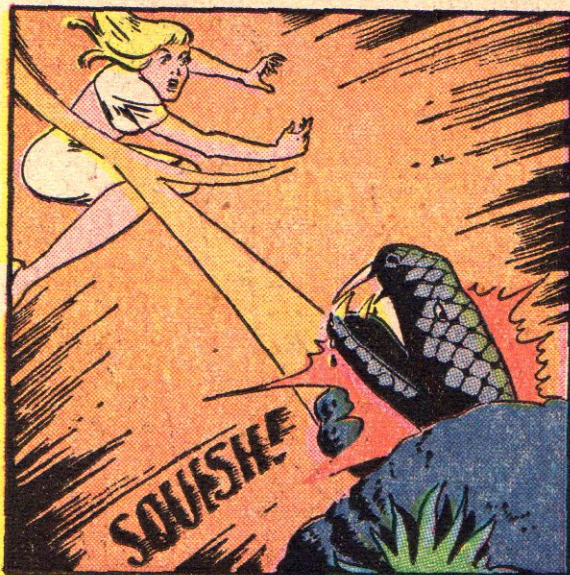
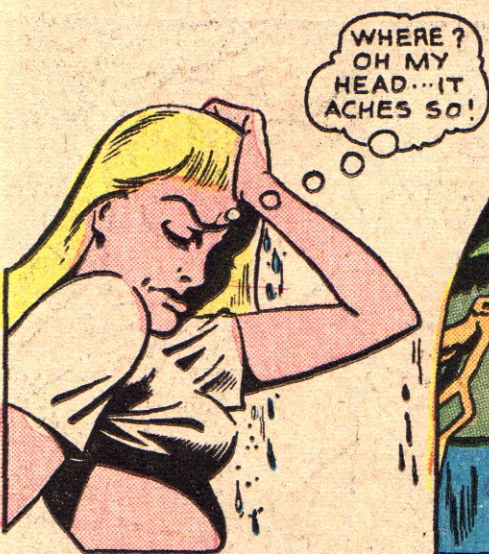
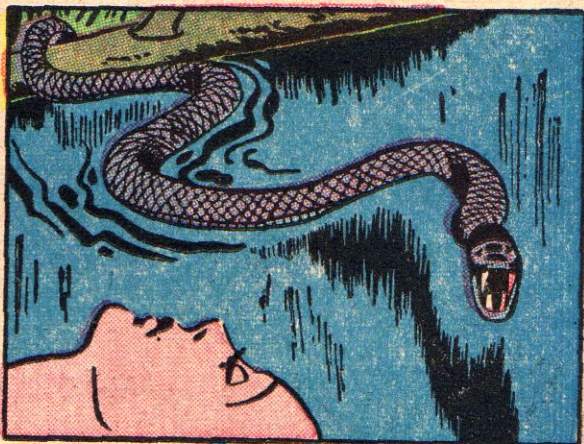
I'LL GET IN HERE
WHERE THE TREES
ARE THICKEST...
OOPS!

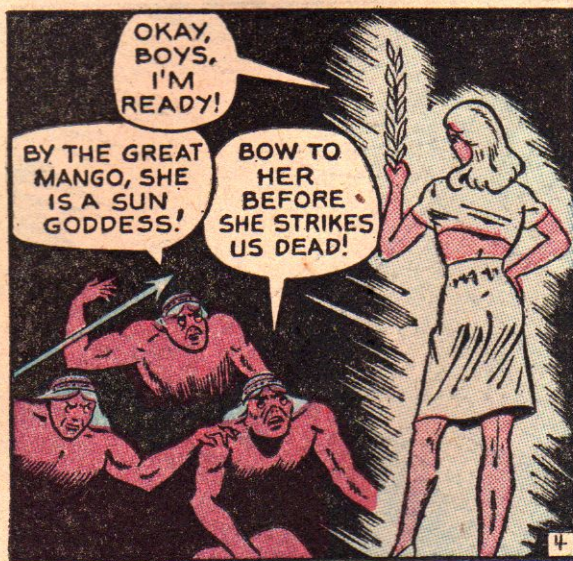
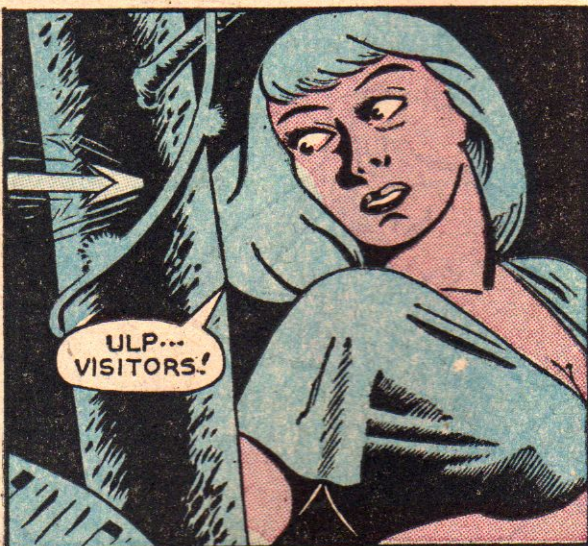
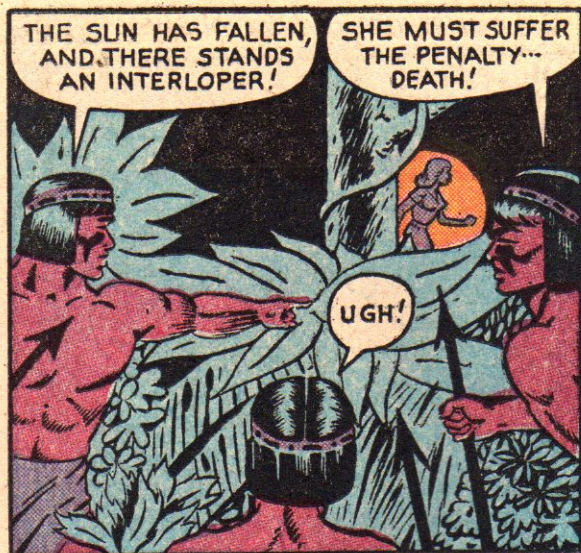


GALE SLIPS INTO UNCONCIOUSNESS



**THEN... SILENTLY, VICIOUSLY, A DEAD-
EYED BUSHMASTER SNAKE, THE SCOURGE
OF THE JUNGLE SLITHERS TOWARD THE
INSENSIBLE GIRL!**





AS ONE MAN THE INDIANS KNEEL BEFORE GALE

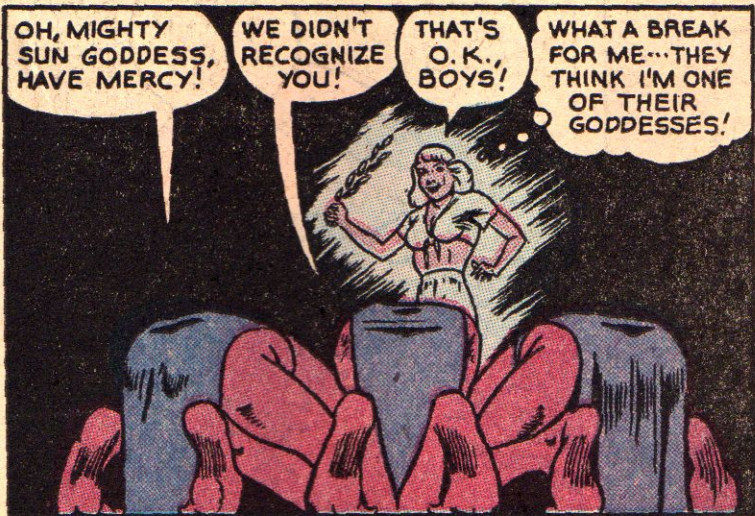
OH, MIGHTY
SUN GODDESS,
HAVE MERCY!

WE DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE
YOU!

THAT'S
O. K.,
BOYS!

WHAT A BREAK
FOR ME...THEY
THINK I'M ONE
OF THEIR
GODDESSES!

SHE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE
ONE OF THE GREAT ONES!
I BELIEVE THIS IS TRICKERY!
I SHALL TRY SOMETHING EVEN
IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE!

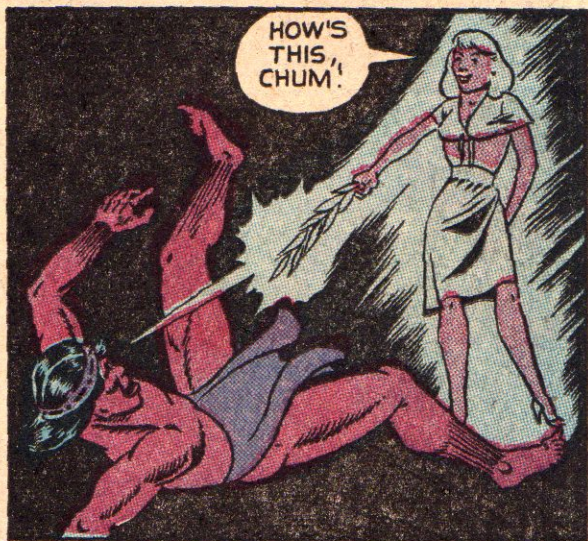


PREPARE
TO
DIE!

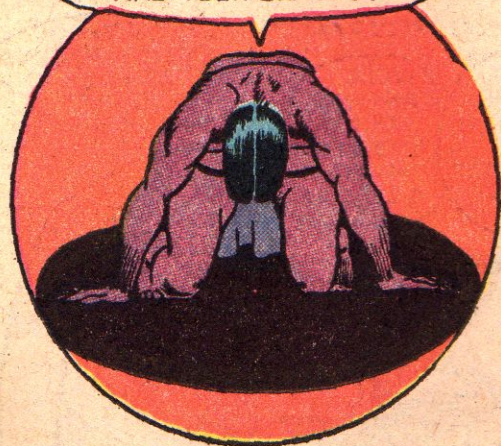
HMMN
A WISE
GUY!



HOW'S
THIS,
CHUM!

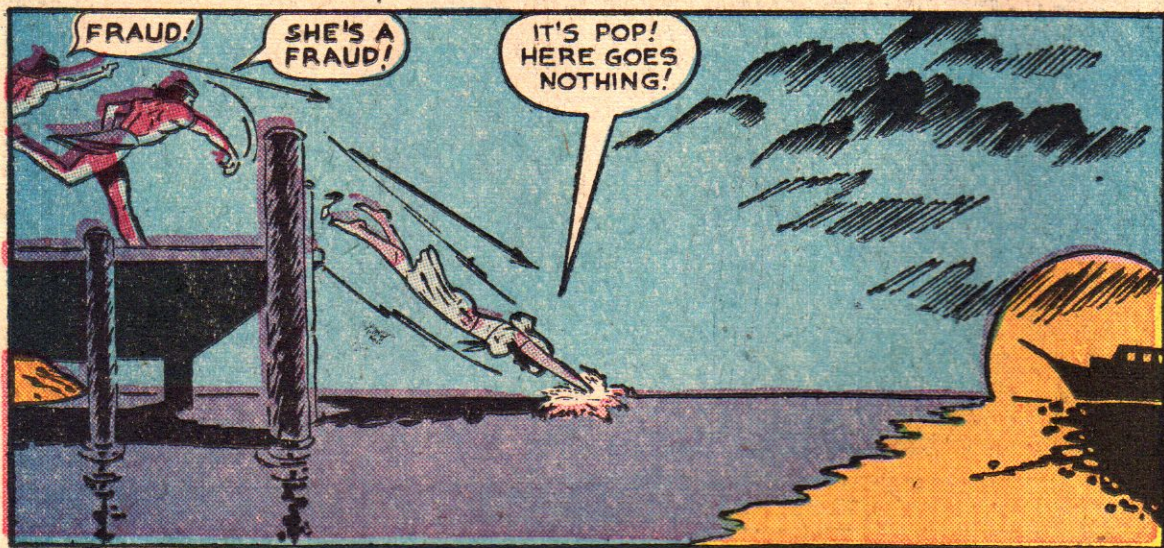


OH MIGHTY GODDESS, ASK
OF US WHAT YOU WILL ---- WE
ARE YOUR SLAVES.



ALL RIGHT, LEAD
ME TO THE BOAT
LANDING!



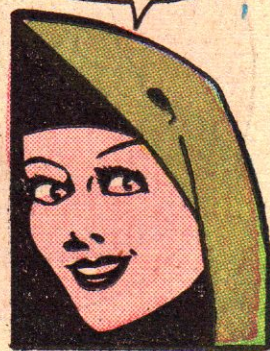


AS THE POLICE BOAT SPEEDS AWAY!

WHEN YOU DIDN'T
RETURN WITH THE
SIGHTSEEING BOAT
I WENT TO THE
POLICE. THEY WERE
KIND ENOUGH TO
HELP ME!

WELL...
ANYWAY
THIS
EXPERIENCE
TAUGHT ME
A LESSON...

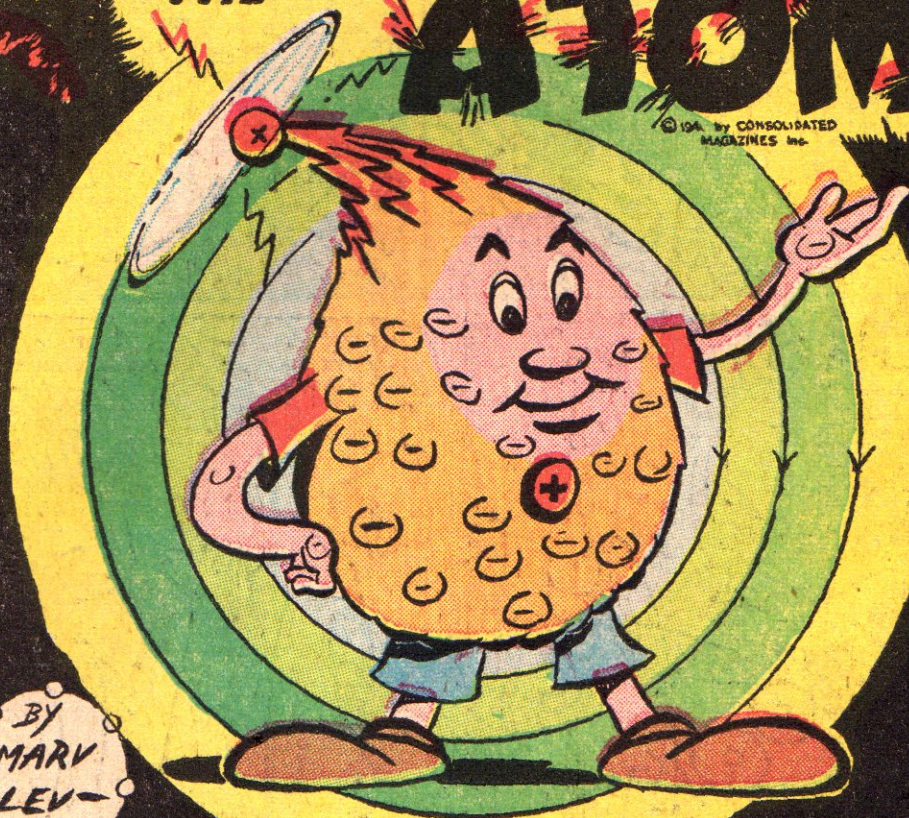
... NOT TO GO
SNOOPING AROUND
WHERE I DON'T
BELONG!



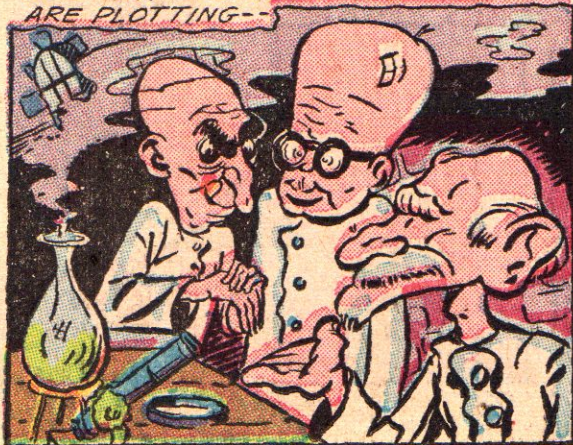
INTRODUCING JOHN QUINCY THE ATOM

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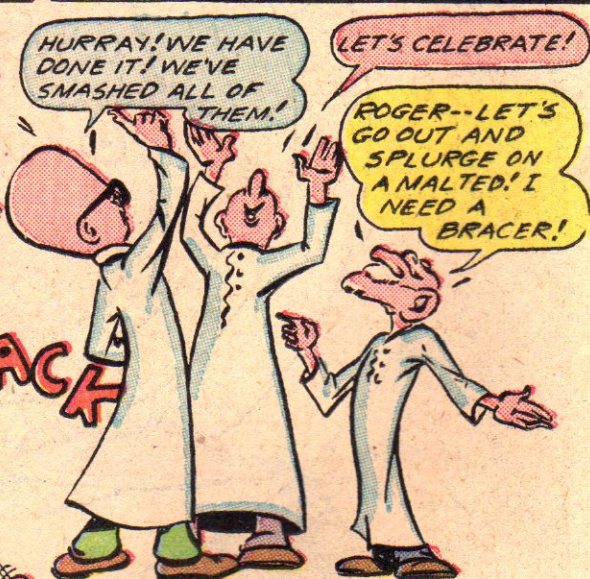
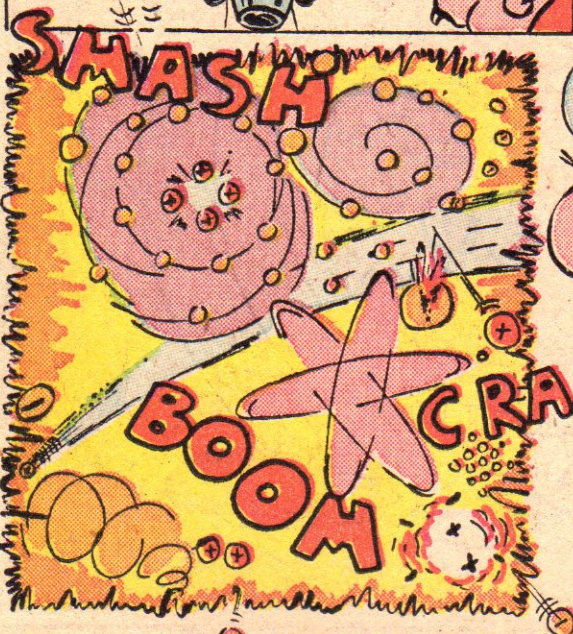
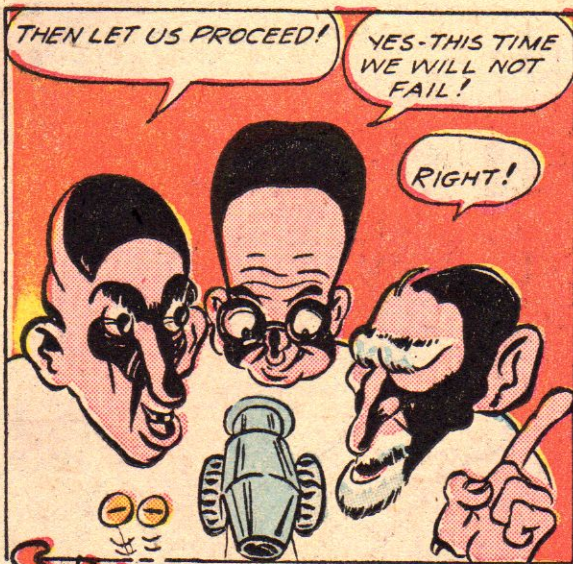
AT AN EVIL AND SINISTER LOOKING CASTLE CALLED "THE BROOKLYN PROJECT," SOMEWHERE IN THE BRONX, A GROUP OF EVIL AND SINISTER SCIENTISTS ARE PLOTTING--



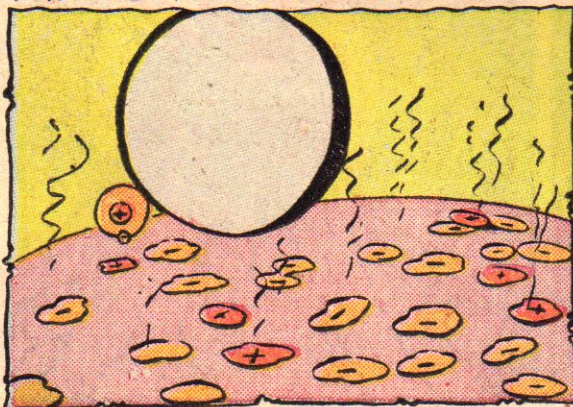
FELLOW SCIENTISTS--
WE ARE READY TO
SMASH ALL THE NINETY
TWO KNOWN ATOMS!

YES! AND ALL
AT ONCE, TOO!

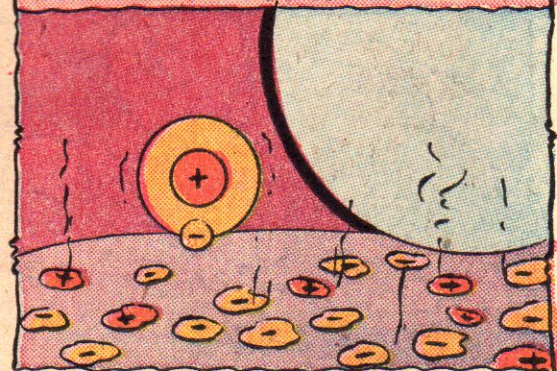




WHILE OUR HAPPY SCIENTISTS GO OUT AND SPLURGE--LET US TAKE A LOOK INTO THE ATOM SMASHER AND SEE WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE ATOMS--WHICH ARE SMASHED INTO ELECTRONS, PROTONS AND NEUTRONS--

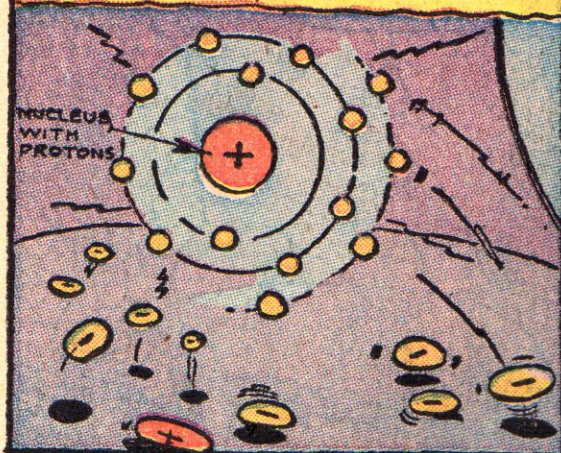


WE SEE NEARLY ALL THE ELECTRONS \ominus PROTONS \oplus SMASHED TO ATOMS" (OR THE OTHER WAY AROUND)--BUT HIDDEN BEHIND A RIVET IS ONE COMPLETE ATOM THAT HAS SURVIVED---

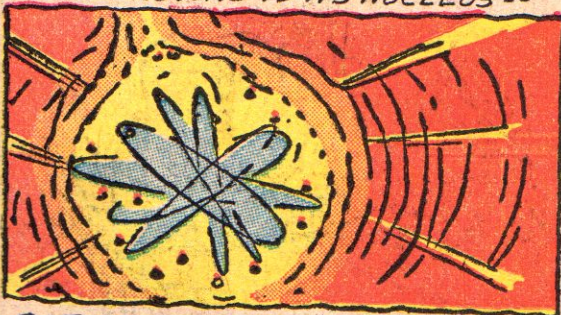


DON'T LOOK LIKE MUCH--DOES IT? --BUT WATCH WHAT HAPPENS!

IT IS AN ACTIVE AND ENERGETIC LITTLE ATOM AND ATTRACTS ALL THE LOOSE ELECTRONS AND PROTONS TO ITSELF--VERY SELFISHLY--

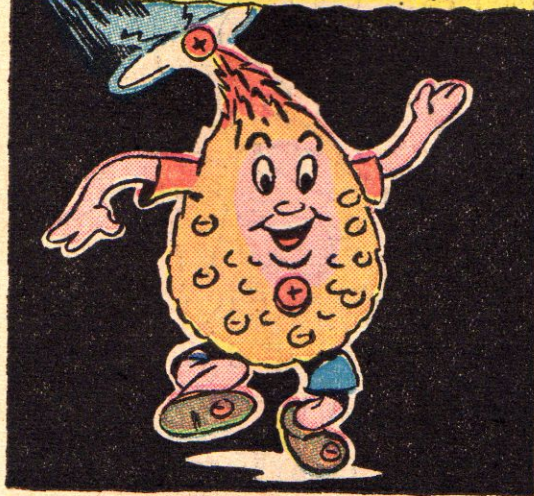


THUS IT BECOMES ENLARGED, ADDING MORE OR BITS OF ELECTRONS AROUND ITSELF--8 TO AN ORBIT AND JUST AS MANY PROTONS TO ITS NUCLEUS--

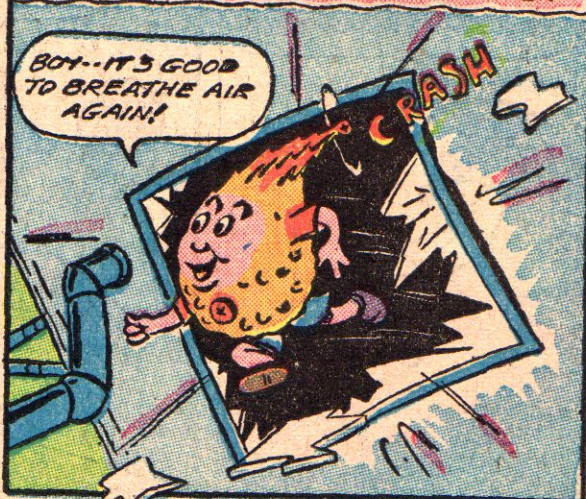


BY THE WAY--WE CAN'T REALLY SEE AN ATOM--WE ONLY KNOW IT'S THERE. SO FOR YOUR SAKE, THIS ATOM HAS AGREED TO MAKE SOMETHING OF ITSELF FOR US TO SEE. IT STARTS TO VIBRATE INTO DIFFERENT SHAPES UNTIL--

FINALLY IT SHAPES ITSELF INTO JOHN QUINCY--THE ATOM!

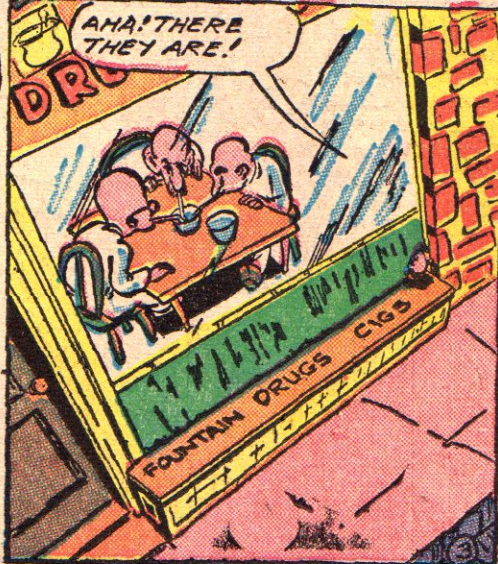
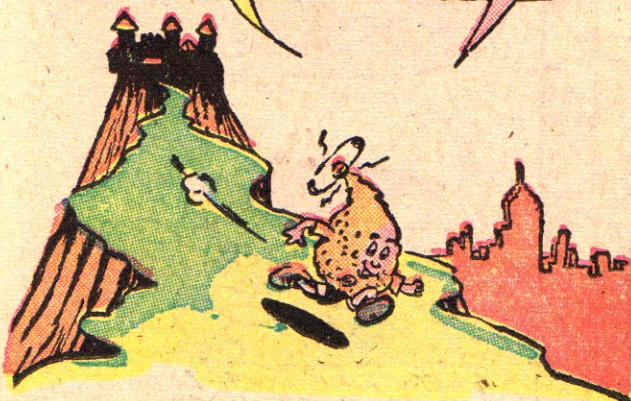


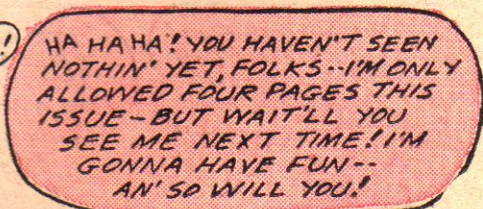
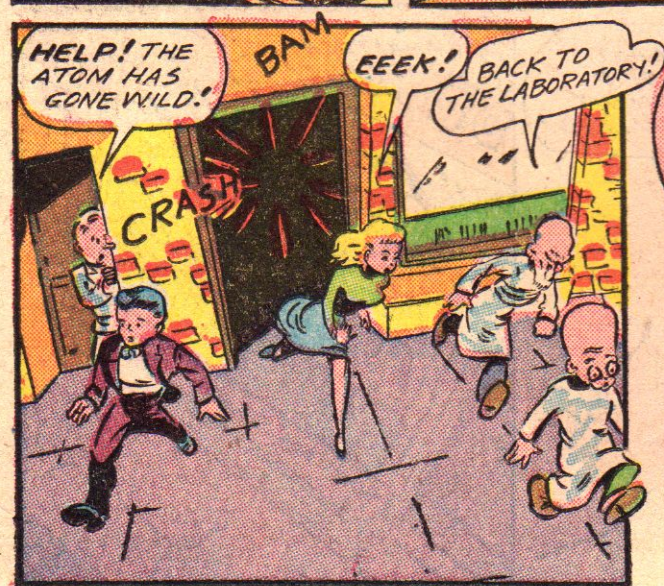
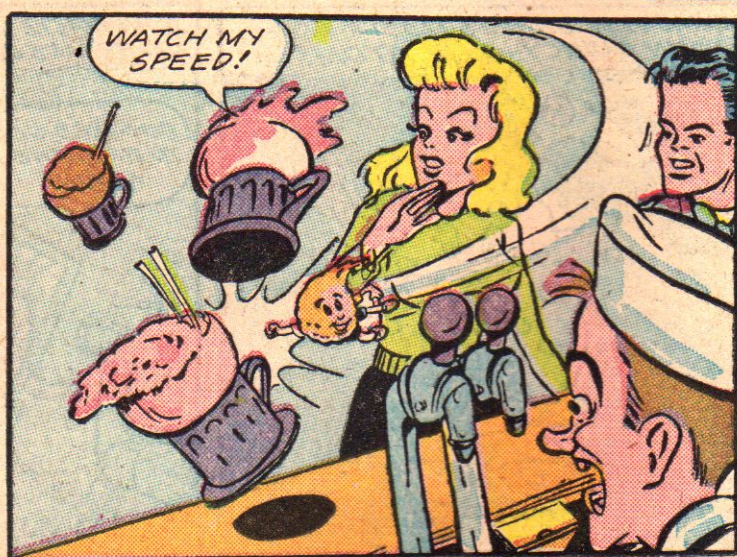
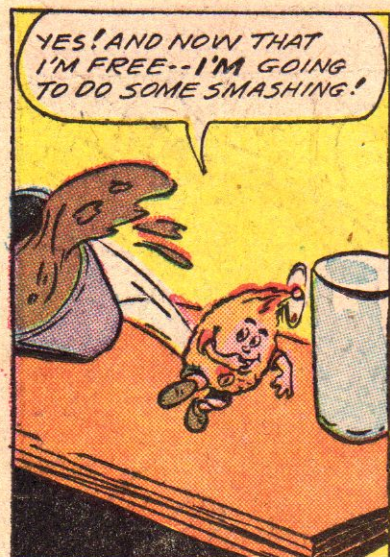
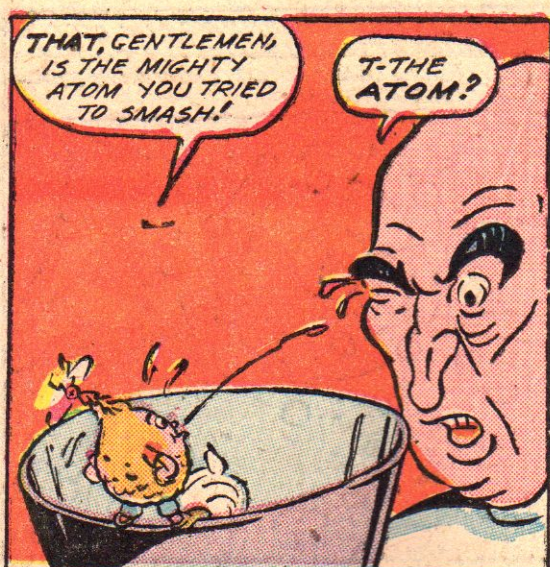
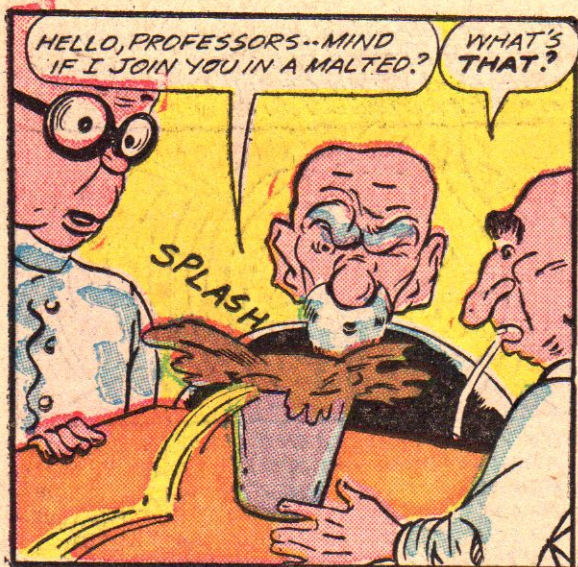
JOHN WASTES NO TIME ON CEREMONY AND BREAKS OUT OF THE ATOM SMASHER--



AM I GONNA HAVE FUN? WAITLL I GET A HOLD OF THOSE GUYS WHO TRIED TO SMASH ME!

THE LAST PAGE SAID THEY WENT FOR A MALTED!

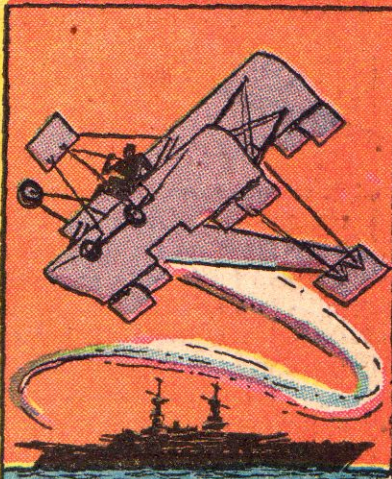




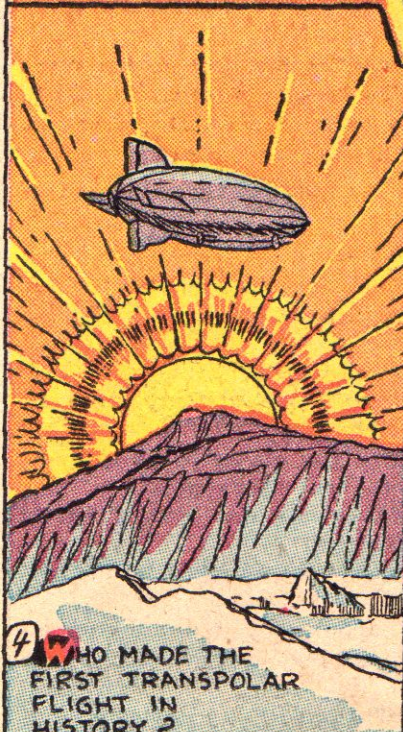
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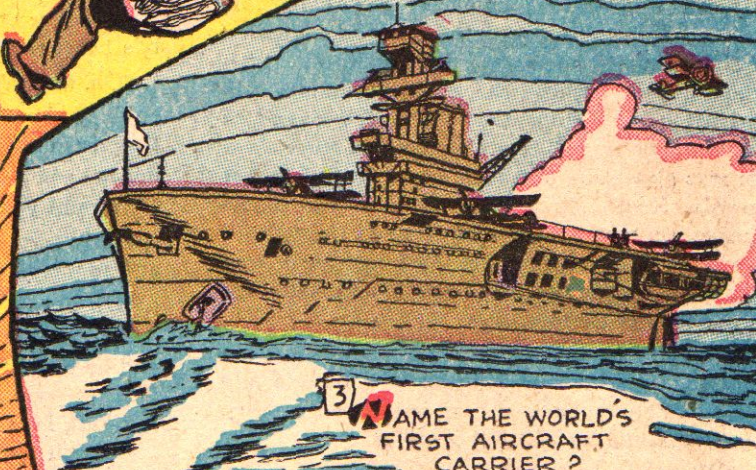
1 **W**HO WAS THE FIRST TO MAKE A PARACHUTE JUMP AND DESCENT, USING A RIP-CORD DEVICE? HERE'S A TIP--- IT HAPPENED 28TH APRIL 1919!



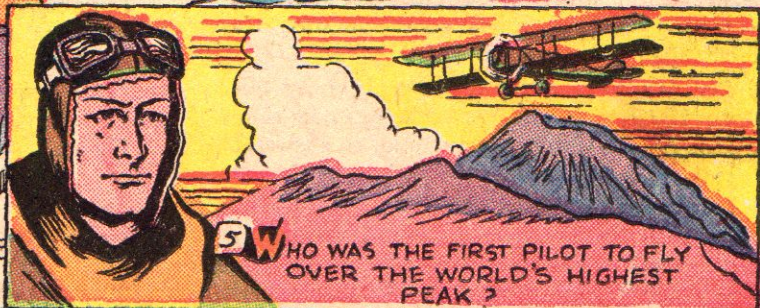
2 **N**AME THE PILOT WHO MADE THE FIRST ACTUAL LANDING AND TAKE-OFF BY AIRPLANE FROM A BATTLESHIP?



4 **W**HO MADE THE FIRST TRANSPOLAR FLIGHT IN HISTORY?



3 **N**AME THE WORLD'S FIRST AIRCRAFT CARRIER?



5 **W**HO WAS THE FIRST PILOT TO FLY OVER THE WORLD'S HIGHEST PEAK?

MISTER, ARE YOU AN ACTOR?

VIOLA SWAYNE.

SHE was nineteen and stage-struck. He was twenty-one and resembled Frank Sinatra.

They stood on the Times Square subway platform and flirted with each other. She felt certain he was an actor because he wore spats and carried a cane. Back home in Kenosha, Wisconsin, everyone agreed that actors dressed differently from other men. After close observation of the town's summer-stock leading man, it was decided that a pair of spats and a cane differentiated the actor from the average male. Betty came to New York with that belief—a maiden aunt—and the latest edition of *"Photoplay"* magazine.

So, after a week in New York, she graced a subway platform in the heart of the theatrical district, and smiled coyly at the handsome youth. He eyed her with interest and wondered if she smiled because she mistook him for someone else—or because she, er—just smiled. He twirled his cane uneasily. Betty continued to smile appealingly. She wondered in what show he was appearing and if he could introduce her to Mr. Rose. Hadn't she read in the movie magazines that success was attained through influence? She tapped her foot nervously and widened her smile. The spats and cane approached her timidly.

"Haven't we met before?" He raised his hat and she noticed that his hair was blonde and wavy. She thought of the red-haired grocery clerk in Kenosha and felt grateful.

"We might have!" She giggled self-consciously. "One meets so many people in this business!" She giggled again.

The handsome one frowned and looked puzzled. Her remark did not seem to make sense to him. Afraid, lest he seem stupid, he answered.

"That's very true."

A little chill of delight traveled down Betty's spine. Oh bliss! He was actually under the impression that she was an actress! And to look like an actress meant that she did not suggest Kenosha, Wisconsin. More than that—it indicated that a certain glamour radiated from her

—she was not just average! And why shouldn't she appear different from other girls? Hadn't she shopped tirelessly for this hat? Hadn't she paid more for this ruffled organdy dress than her allowance permitted? She gave him a knowing smile and turned her head away. She asked suddenly:

"Are you working at present?"

A train was approaching. The noise was terrific. He shyly touched her elbow protectingly. They stepped back from the edge of the platform as the train-doors slid open. Passengers shoved ahead. The boy raised his voice over the din.

"Yes, I am. I'm at the Paramount theatre in Brooklyn."

He steered her gently through the crowd. Betty's heart beat faster. She answered shrilly.

"Oh, really?"

They were nearing the door to the train. Progress was slow because of the crowd. Betty did not seem to notice. Her escort spoke again.

"Would you like to see the show?"

Betty turned her head quickly and looked up at him.

"Oh yes—I'd love to!"

Her pocket-book poked a man ahead of her and he turned and glared. The boy smiled pleasantly.

"Well, how about tonight?"

"That'll be grand!" gushed Betty promptly. They entered the train.

"All right, fine. Just ask for Glenn Downing at the box-office, about eight o'clock."

Betty gasped as she was wedged tightly among the passengers.

"Glenn Downing?" she squeaked, "at the box-office at eight?"

He nodded approvingly and adjusted his straw hat which had been knocked askew by the jostling mob.

"I'll be there!" giggled Betty excitedly.

Further conversation was impossible in the crowded train so they continued on in silence.

BETTY approached the theatre at the appointed time. She came directly from a "beauty shoppe" where she had had her hair "set" in soft waves. Her finger-nails gleamed with brilliant polish. Betty felt that she must look her best this evening: who knew what the acquaintance of this Glenn Downing might lead to? She entered the lobby with an air of great confidence. She was not just an ordinary patron—she had been invited by a performer appearing there. She wanted to tap that woman on the shoulder—the one who was eyeing her—and tell her that she was a personal friend of Glenn Downing. The woman left the lobby with a man who exclaimed that the show was pretty good for the money.

Betty stepped up to the box-office. She stood on tip-toes and peered into the ticket window. A ruddy-faced man with an Elk's tooth tangling on his vest asked casually:

"How many?"

Betty arched her brows and pouted.

"Oh, I'm not buying a ticket!"

The brother Elk frowned inquiringly. Betty drummed on the marble slab with her manicured nails. She spoke chidingly.

"Why no. I've an appointment with Mr. Glenn Downing. Will you tell him I'm here please?"

She imagined that he at once regarded her in a more important light. She smiled indulgently. He nodded obligingly and addressed a young man at his side.

"Go find Downing will you, Fred? There's a young lady here to see him."

A man with a lantern-jaw neared the window. Betty stepped aside while he purchased a ticket. The assistant in the box-office had gone to summon Glenn Downing. Betty waited nervously. She primped hurriedly at the mirrored door. Thoughts raced through her mind. She could visualize herself being escorted back-stage—being introduced to the various artists—a prominent producer was present—he noticed her and asked if she was interested in becoming a star.

Her thoughts were interrupted by Fred, who informed her that Mr. Downing would be there in a minute.

"Thank you," said Betty and reached in her purse for her powder-puff.

• • • • •

HE was twenty-one and resembled Frank Sinatra. He approached her with a friendly smile exposing a row of white even teeth. Betty stared at him aghast. Her eyes widened in astonishment. He stood before her

bowing politely—almost grandly. Betty swallowed and experienced a peculiar emptiness in her stomach. Her eyes travelled from his boyish face to his neatly polished black shoes. Yes!—There he was—the game—the one who only a few hours ago suggested glamour and success. Glenn Downing—the cane—the spats! To think that *this* was his position in the theatre! Here he was—in the full array of an usher's uniform! The shining brass buttons twinkled at her mischievously and she blinked.

Glenn Downing did not seem to notice. He escorted her into the palatial refrigerated theatre. He chattered happily.

"I'll show you to a good seat on the aisle—and as soon as I'm 'off the floor'—we'll go up to the China Royal for some chop suey—you know they have swell food up there and—"

The caressing tones of a bashful crooner blurred out the rest of the words.

THE END

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AND MARCH 3, 1933

of "KEY COMICS".

State of New York, County of New York, SS.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Joseph A. Rubinstein, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of the "KEY COMICS" and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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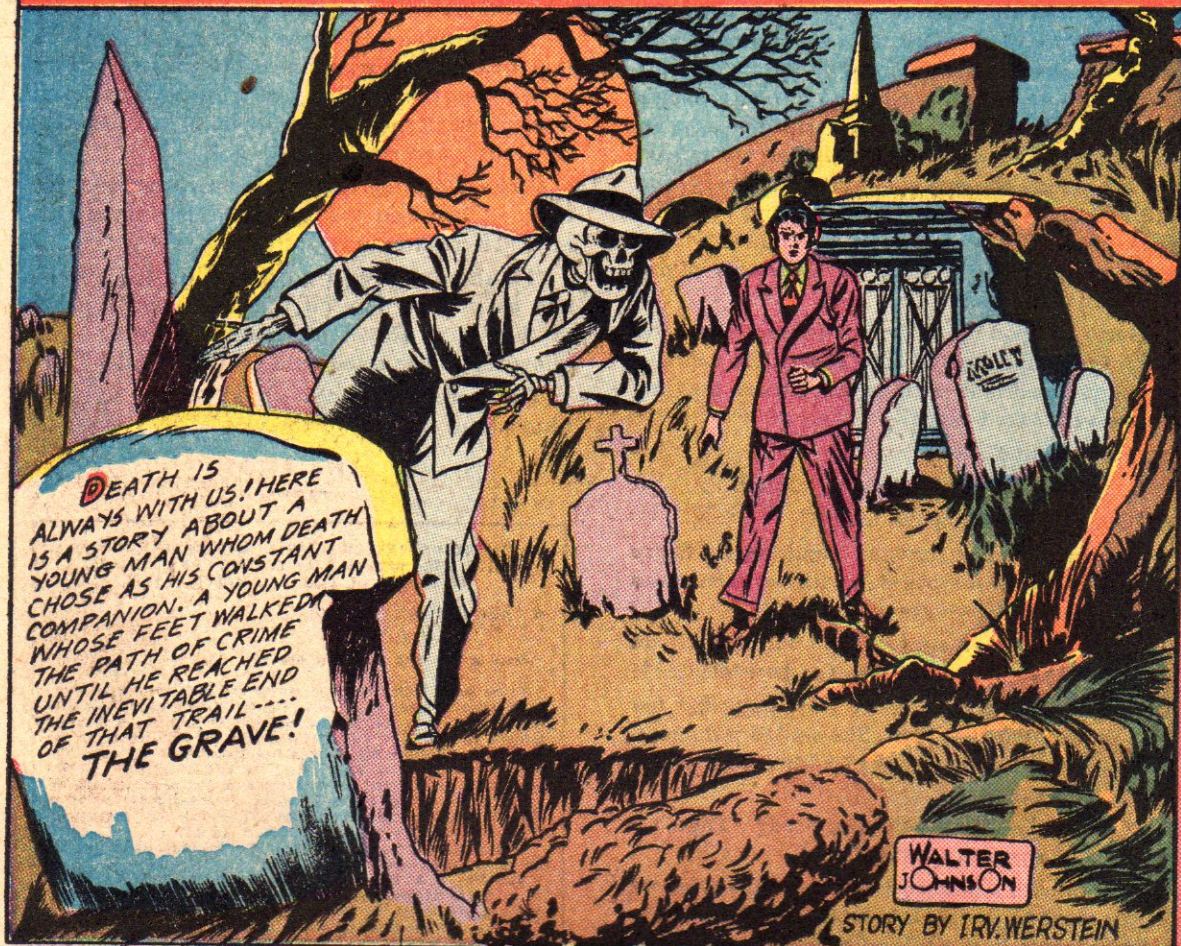
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(Signed) JOSEPH A. RUBINSTEIN

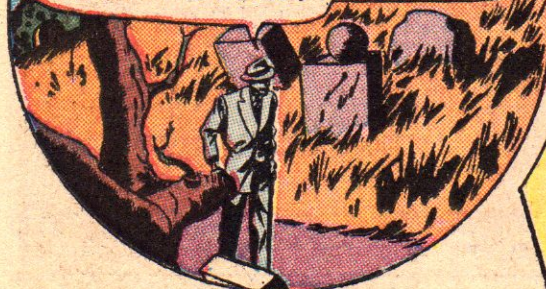
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of September, 1944.
(SEAL)
Charles B. Lifander.
(My commission expires March 30, 1946.)

INVITATION TO THE GRAVE



IT IS 1924 WHEN THE BEER BARONS RULED THE ROOST AND GANGLAND'S GUNS KEPT THE GRIM REAPER VERY BUSY ----

HO-HUM! THINGS ARE GETTING DULL SINCE THE LAST GANG FIGHT. WELL, I THINK I'LL SCOUT AROUND AND FIND ME A "CUSTOMER" FOR THIS DESIRABLE SPOT! MAYBE SOME YOUNG GUY I CAN HELP ALONG THE ROAD!



AT A SMALL FIGHT CLUB WHERE PUGS HAMMERED EACH OTHER FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF BORED FANS ----

AH--I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOU, "GAT," COMIN' DOWN TO A JERNT LIKE DIS! DESE PUNKS CAN'T EVEN FIGHT!

LOOK, WILLY, AS LONG AS YOU'RE ON MY PAYROLL YOU'LL DO LIKE I SAY, SEE.

CHEE, DATS "GAT" CARSON. DA BIGGEST RACKETEER ON DA NORTH SIDE!



YEAH, I RECOGNIZE 'IM FROM HIS PITCHERS!

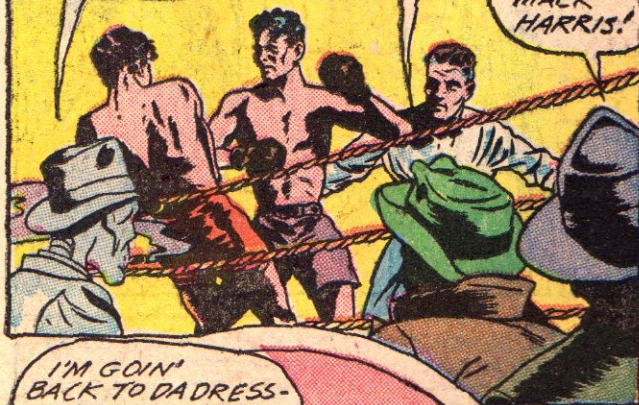
3 GENDER

UNSEEN BY ANYONE, ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED VISITOR WATCHES THE BOUTS---

THAT YOUNGSTER, MACK HARRIS, THERE, IN THE PURPLE TRUNKS--HE'S A LIKELY LOOKING LAD--I THINK HE'LL BE MY CUSTOMER!

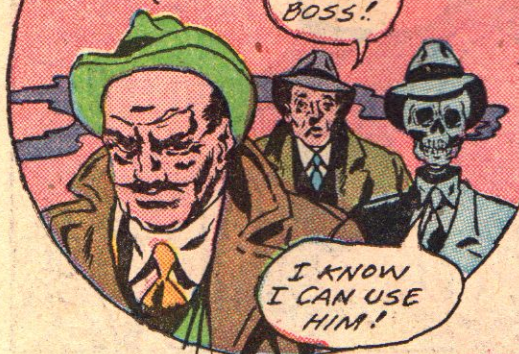
I LIKE DA KID IN THE PURPLE TRUNKS. WHAT'S HIS NAME, WILLY?

HARRIS, BOSS, MACK HARRIS!



I'M GOIN' BACK TO DA DRESSING ROOMS. I THINK WE CAN USE THE HARRIS KID!

OKAY, BOSS!



I KNOW I CAN USE HIM!

INSIDE THE DRESSING ROOM---

NICE FIGHT, HARRIS! DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

YEAH! SURE, YOU'RE 'GAT CARSON! WHAT DO YA WANT FROM ME?



MAYBE I CAN HELP YA, KID! YOU'RE A TOUGH FIGHTER. NO SENSE OF YOU GETTIN' YOUR BRAINS BEAT OUT FOR PEANUTS! I CAN USE A GUY LIKE YOU--HOW ABOUT IT?

GO ON, HARRIS--DON'T BE A FOOL! THIS IS YOUR BIG CHANCE! SUPPOSE YOU GO ON FIGHTING UNTIL YOU'RE PUNCHY? THEN WHAT? GO ON--TAKE THE JOB!

YEAH.. YEAH... OKAY, MR. CARSON--WHERE DO I SEE YA?



YOU BEAT DA PENTHOUSE ON 321 LAKE DRIVE TOMORRA NIGHT AT 8:30--I'LL BE SEEIN' YA!

ME TOO! YOU'RE MY BOY FROM NOW ON. YES--SIR--THE RISE AND FALL OF MACK HARRIS--FROM THE BOXING RING TO THE GRAVE IN SIX EASY LESSONS!



THE NEXT NIGHT--

UH--
GAT
ASKED
ME TO
COME
UP--

OH, YEAH--
YOU MUST BE
DA NEW GUY--
YEAH, SURE--
COME ON IN--
GAT'S EXPECT-
IN' YA!

HELLO, MACK--GANG--THIS IS MACK
HARRIS-- A SCRAPPY FIGHTER--VERY
HANDY WITH HIS DUKES--AND HE'S
GOIN' TO BE ONE OF US!

HI,
MACK!

HELLO!

LATER--

JUST WHAT
IS IT YA WANT
ME TO DO,
GAT?

WELL, KID--YA SEE--DERE'S A
FEW KIDS AROUND TOWN
WHO DON'T WANT TO HANDLE
OUR PRODUCTS. A COUPLA
SPEAKEASIES. SOME NIGHT
SPOTS. SO I FIGURE THAT A GUY LIKE
YOU WHO'S SO HANDY WIT HIS
DUKES COULD--WELL--CONVINCE
THEM TO DO BUSINESS WIT ME--
CATCH?

SOON, MACK HARRIS, FORMER FUG, GETS
TO WORK ON HIS NEW JOB----

GENTLE-
MEN,
YOUR
PLEASURE!

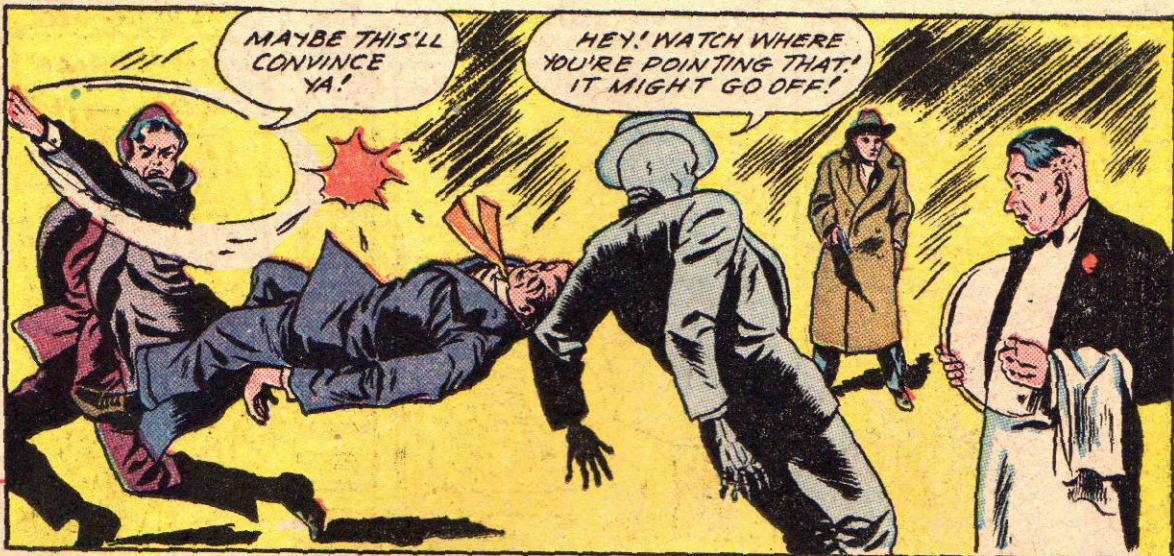
WE WANT
TO SEE
AROUND--
AND
MAKE
IT SNAPPY!

YEAH, MAKE IT
SNAPPY. HOW I
DOIN' AS A TOUGH
GUY--NOT BAD--YOU
TELL 'EM, HARRIS--
BUT MAKE IT FAST
BECAUSE YOUR
TIME IS RUNNING
OUT!

WE'RE FROM CARSON. HE WANTS TO KNOW
WHY YA DON'T BUY OUR GOODS! HE FIGURES
MAYBE AFTER WE TALK TO YA--
MAYBE YOU'LL CO-
OPERATE!

LISTEN, YOU
PUNKS--I
WOULDN'T HANDLE
THAT POISON CARSON
SELLS. YOU DON'T
SCARE ME AT
ALL!

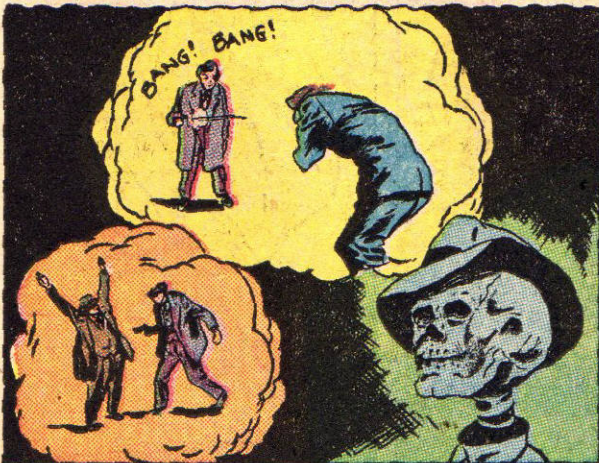
OH-- THEN
I'LL HAVE TO USE
OUR NEW SALES
PROMOTION PLAN
ON YA!



LATER, AT GAT'S APARTMENT--



YES, IT IS ONLY THE BEGINNING FOR MACK HARRIS. MACK'S NAME AND FAME SPREADS RAPIDLY-- HE RISES RAPIDLY IN THE RANKS OF ORGANIZED CRIME--AND ALWAYS AT HIS SIDE IS THE IMPLACABLE FIGURE OF HIS MENTOR--DEATH!



DEATH IS QUITE BUSY MAKING CERTAIN PREPARATIONS---

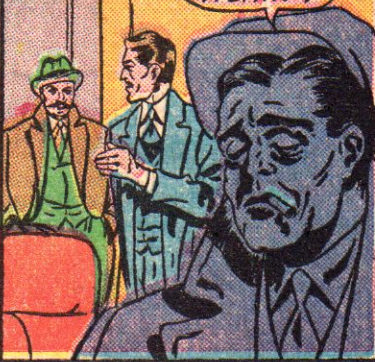
HMMM--NOT BAD--BUT I'VE HAD PLENTY OF PRACTICE! NOW TO GET BACK TO MY BOY! I'M SURE HE'LL BE SATISFIED WITH THIS JOB! THE ONLY TROUBLE IS THAT HE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE IT WHEN HE GETS HERE!



MEANWHILE, GAT IS PLANNING A REALLY BIG JOB---

EVERYTHING'S ALL SET FOR THE WAREHOUSE DEAL! YOU BOYS GET THERE AT 10--RUSH THE JOINT--GRAB THE SILK AND TAKE OFF! I'LL HAVE A TRUCK AND IF THE WATCHMAN GETS TOUGH--OKAY?

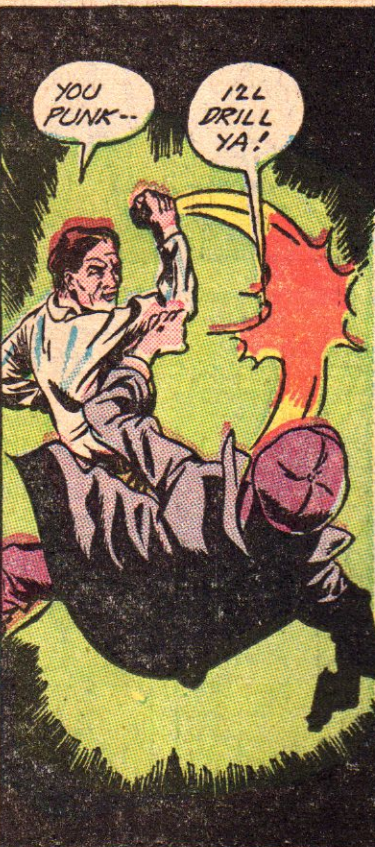
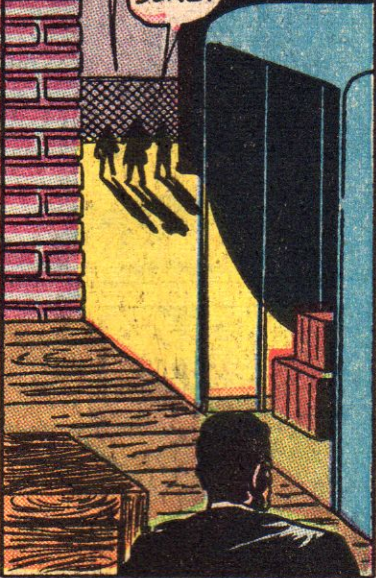
WE'LL LET HIM HAVE IT! RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES! MY TRIGGER FINGER IS ITCHIN'!

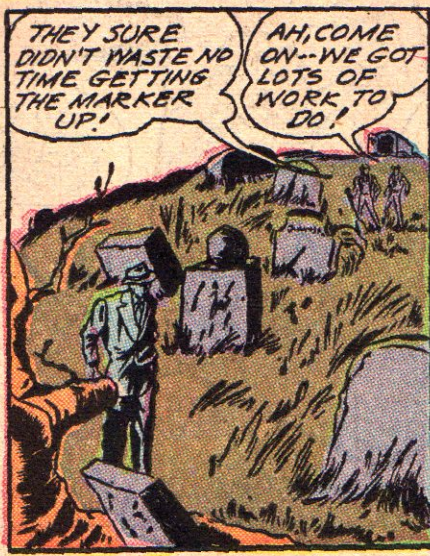
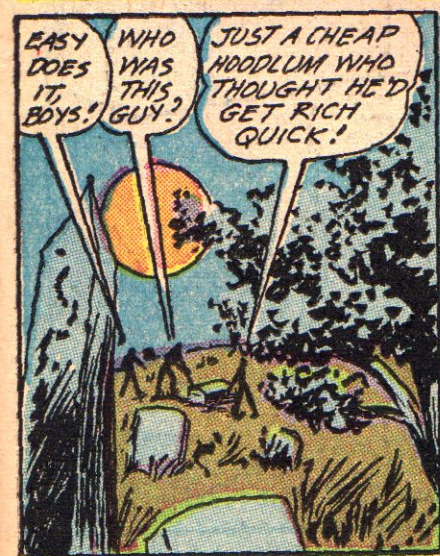
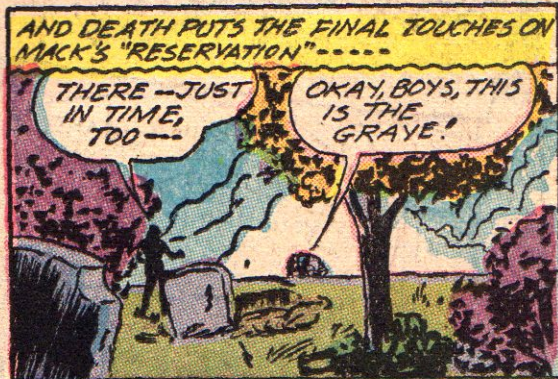
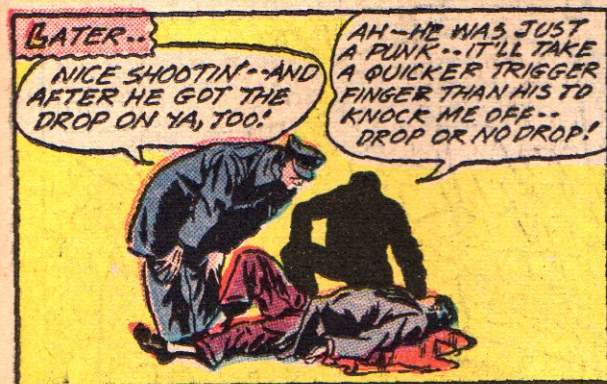
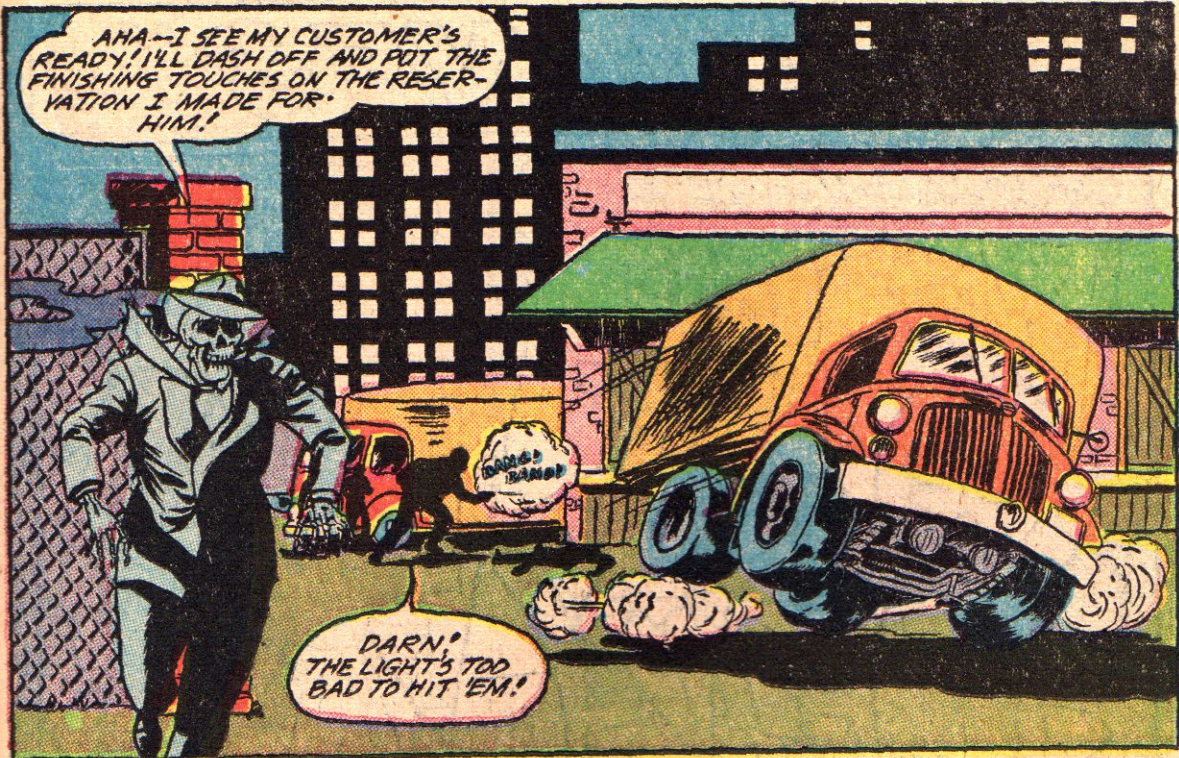


THE WAREHOUSE ----

OKAY--THERE'S THE WATCHMAN! LET ME TAKE HIM!

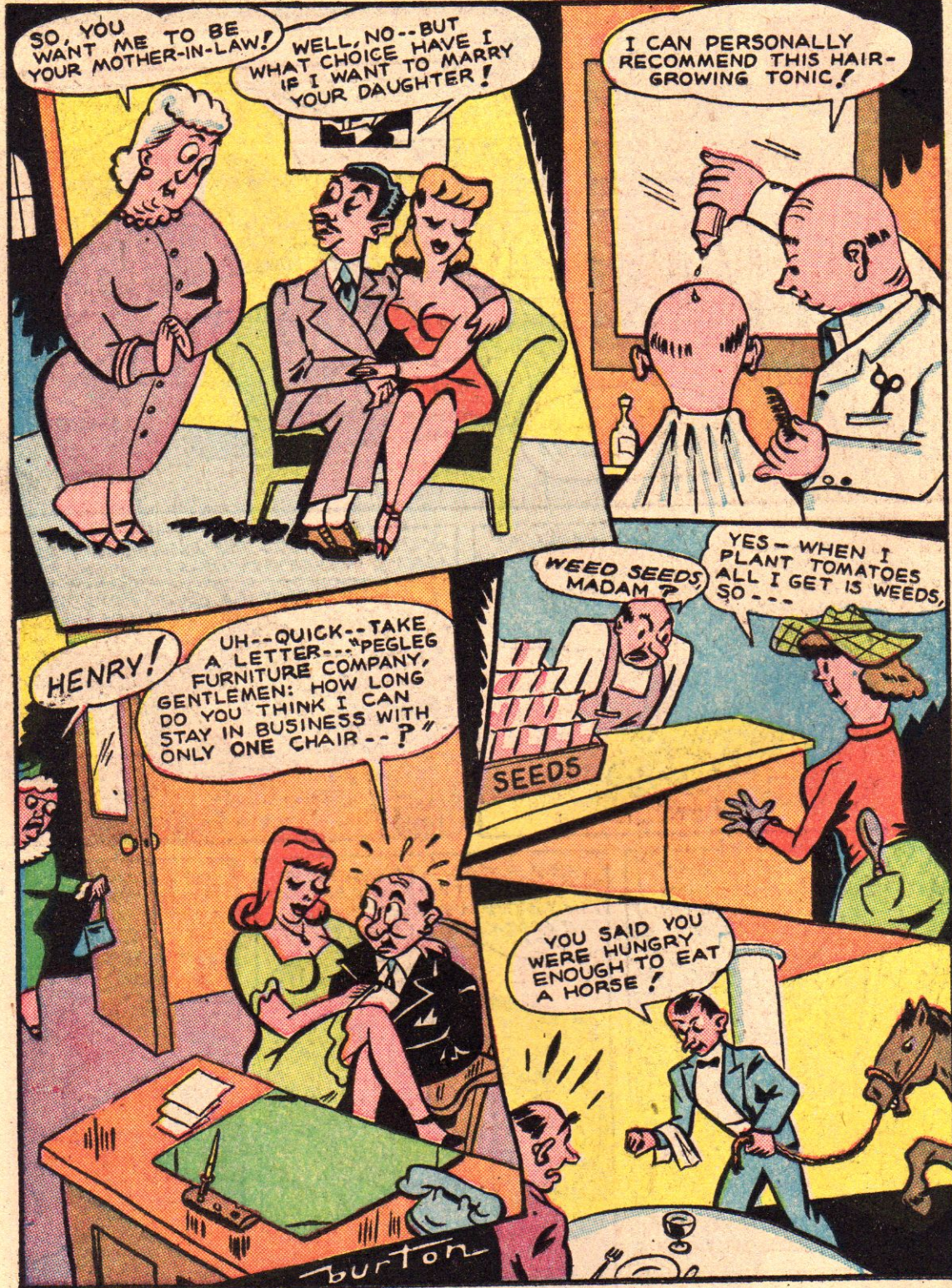
SURE!





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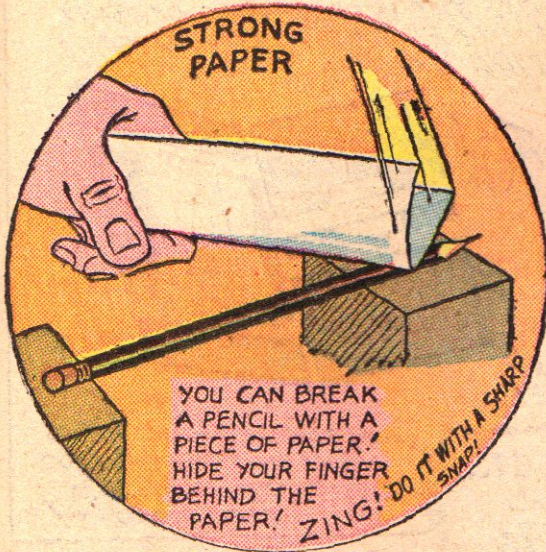
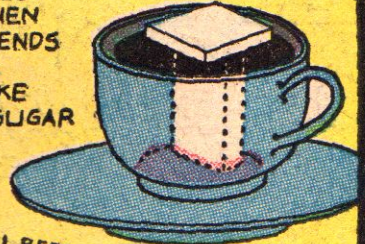
THE MAGICIAN



NOW TO SHOW
THE BOYS
AND GALS
SOME STUFF
'N THINGS!

FLOATING SUGAR

BEFORE ANNOUNCING THIS TRICK, PLACE A LUMP OF SUGAR STANDING ON END IN YOUR CUP... THE COFFEE WILL JUST COVER IT... THEN TELL YOUR FRIENDS THAT YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE A PIECE OF SUGAR FLOAT... SIMPLY PLACE IT ON THE CONCEALED LUMP! DO IT FAST! BEFORE FIRST PIECE MELTS!



STRONG PAPER

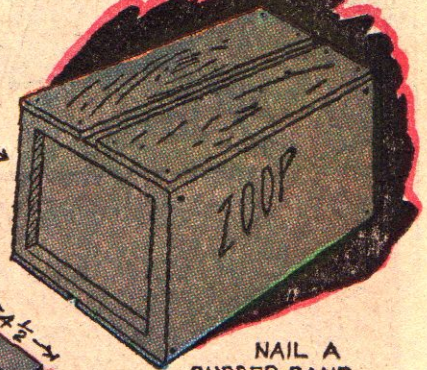
YOU CAN BREAK A PENCIL WITH A PIECE OF PAPER! HIDE YOUR FINGER BEHIND THE PAPER! ZING! DO IT WITH A SHARP SNAP!

A WOODEN GUN THAT SHOOTS

TAKE THE END OFF OF AN ORDINARY BOX

CUT AS SHOWN BELOW

BOX CORNER MUST HAVE JOINT LIKE THIS



NAIL A RUBBER BAND HERE

CUT CORNERS AS SHOWN HERE

NOW SLIP SMALL SQUARE PIECES OF CARDBOARD BETWEEN RUBBER BAND AS SHOWN IN THE ILLUSTRATION TO TIE

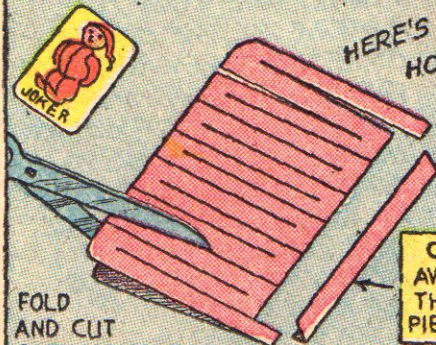
LEFT. GRIPPING THE HANDLE OF THE GUN, RELEASE THE RUBBER BAND WITH THE THUMB AND THE CARDBOARD WILL SHOOT FORWARD

YOU CAN HOP THROUGH AN ORDINARY PLAYING CARD

HERE'S HOW!

CUT AWAY THIS PIECE

FOLD AND CUT CARD AS SHOWN. WHEN OPENED IT WILL FORM A RING LARGE ENOUGH TO HOP THROUGH!



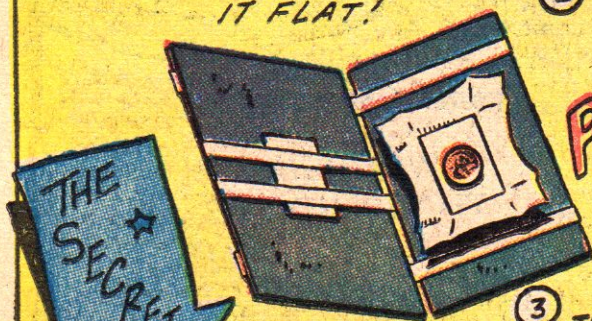
MR. CARTOON'S

MAGIC WALLET

MAKE COINS OR SMALL FLAT OBJECTS DISAPPEAR!
CHANGE ONE COIN INTO ANOTHER!

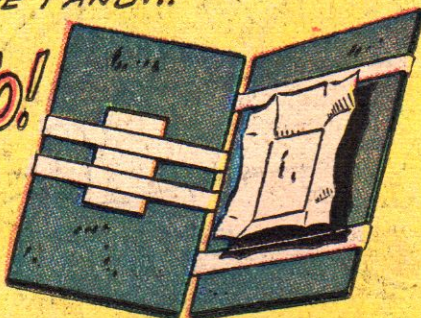
- ① PLACE A COIN IN THE PAPER ENVELOPE AT THE RIGHT AND FOLD IT FLAT!

- ② CLOSE THE WALLET AND OPEN IT AGAIN (FROM THE OPPOSITE SIDE) AND...



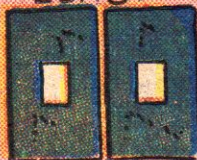
PRESTO!

- ③ THE COIN IS GONE!



HOW TO MAKE THE MAGIC WALLET...

CUT FOUR IDENTICAL PIECES OF CARDBOARD (PLAIN, SAME COLOR ON EACH SIDE) ABOUT 4 INCHES WIDE AND EIGHT INCHES LONG.

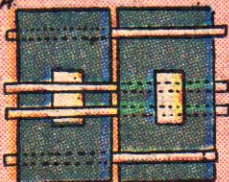


GLUE THEM TOGETHER, TWO TO EACH SIDE, AND GLUE IN PLACE TWO FOLDED PAPER ENVELOPES, 5" BY 6" AS SHOWN HERE →



GLUE CENTER. FOLD ON DOTTED LINE.

NOW LAY FOUR CLOTH OR PAPER TAPES OVER AND UNDER THEM AS SHOWN. FASTEN THE SHORT ENDS BY INSERTING THEM BETWEEN THE DOUBLED EDGES. AND GLUE THEM IN PLACE!

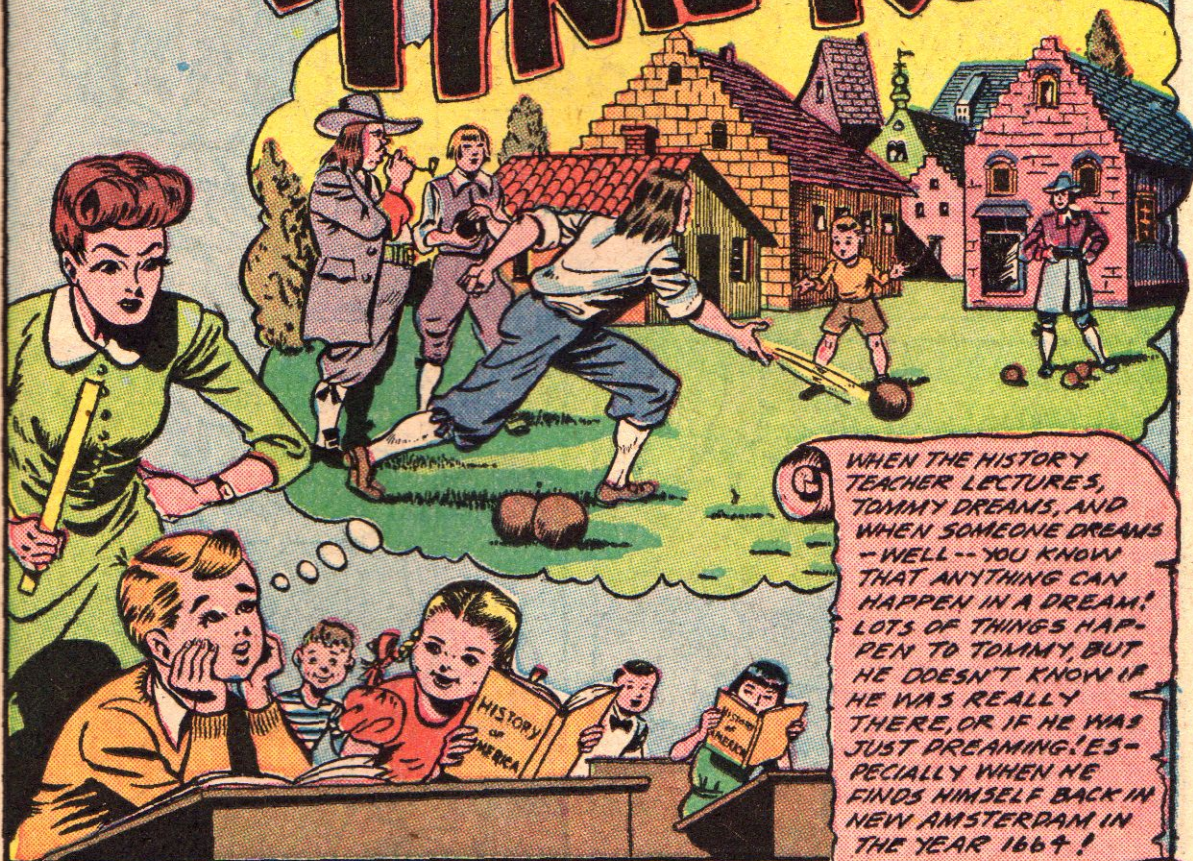


...ACTUALLY THE COIN IS NOW IN THE OTHER ENVELOPE... UNDER THE TAPES!

TO CHANGE ONE COIN INTO ANOTHER, FIRST "PLANT" THE COIN TO APPEAR IN THE OTHER ENVELOPE THEN PERFORM THE TRICK. A COIN CAN APPEAR "OUT OF NOTHING" IN THIS SAME WAY. YOU MAY USE THE WALLET TO ANSWER QUESTIONS "YES" OR "NO" BY PLANTING THE SLIP OF PAPER AS EXPLAINED.

MORE NEXT ISSUE!

Tommy's TIME KEY

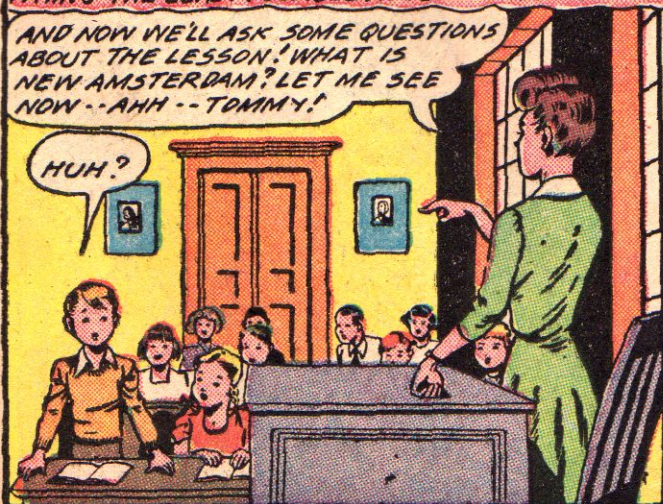


WHEN THE HISTORY
TEACHER LECTURES,
TOMMY DREAMS, AND
WHEN SOMEONE DREAMS
-- WELL -- YOU KNOW
THAT ANYTHING CAN
HAPPEN IN A DREAM!
LOTS OF THINGS HAP-
PEN TO TOMMY, BUT
HE DOESN'T KNOW IF
HE WAS REALLY
THERE, OR IF HE WAS
JUST DREAMING! ES-
PECIALLY WHEN HE
FINDS HIMSELF BACK IN
NEW AMSTERDAM IN
THE YEAR 1664!

TOMMY IS IN HISTORY CLASS AND AS USUAL HE IS
PAYING THE LEAST POSSIBLE ATTENTION TO HIS TEACHER!

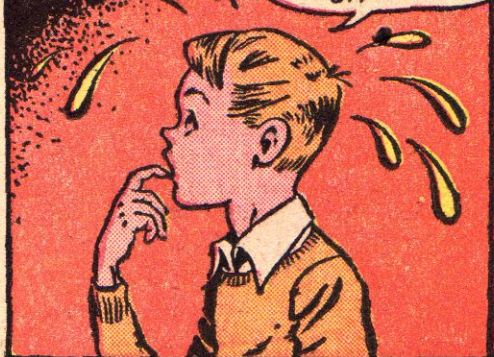
AND NOW WE'LL ASK SOME QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE LESSON! WHAT IS
NEW AMSTERDAM? LET ME SEE
NOW -- AHH -- TOMMY!

HUH?

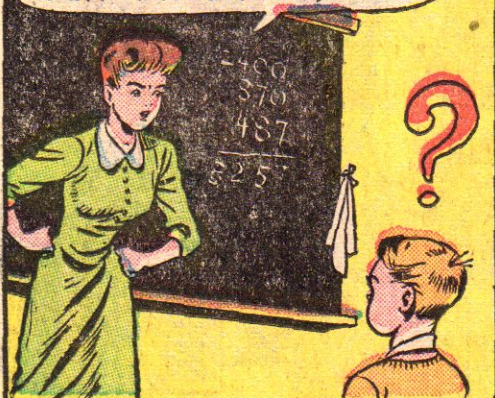


THE
QUESTION
WAS: WHAT IS
NEW AMSTERDAM?

UH -- IT'S -- UH --
LIKE OLD AM-
STERDAM -- ONLY --
-- IT'S -- UH -- NEW --
-- I MEAN --
-- UH --



OH, IS THAT SO? WELL, TOMMY, YOU ARE GOING TO STAY IN AFTER SCHOOL AND STUDY TODAY'S LESSON, WHICH, FORTUNATELY FOR YOU, HAPPENS TO BE ABOUT NEW AMSTERDAM!

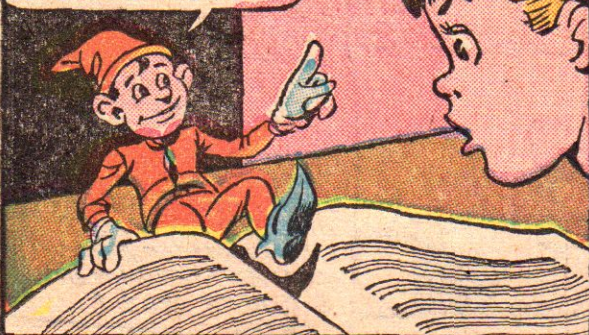


AND SO, THAT AFTERNOON, WHEN SCHOOL IS DISMISSED, TOMMY STAYS BEHIND TO STUDY HIS HISTORY LESSON.



SUDDENLY...

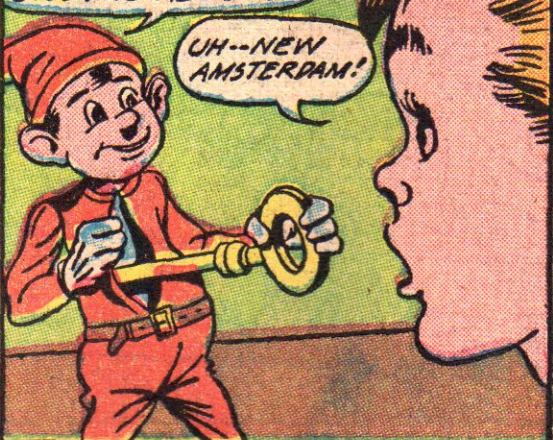
DARN OLD HISTORY, EH? WHY, TOMMY, YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF! I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU A HISTORY LESSON YOU'LL NEVER FORGET!



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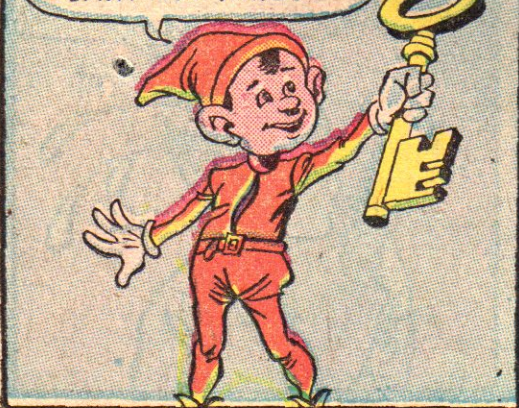
WHO--- WHO ARE YOU?

SEE THIS? IT'S A TIME KEY! I CAN TAKE YOU BACK ANYWHERE AT ALL! WHAT WERE YOU STUDYING ABOUT?

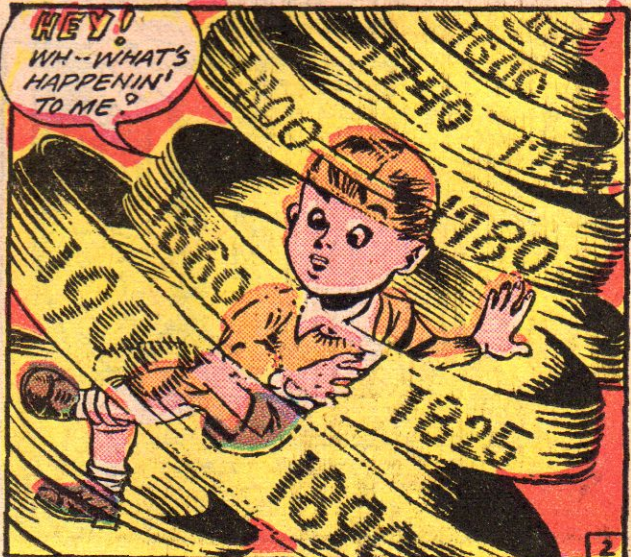


UH--NEW AMSTERDAM!

BROTHER, YOU'RE AS GOOD AS IN NEW AMSTERDAM RIGHT NOW! APPLES, LEMON, PEACHES AND LIME! TIME KEY CARRY TOMMY BACK INTO TIME!



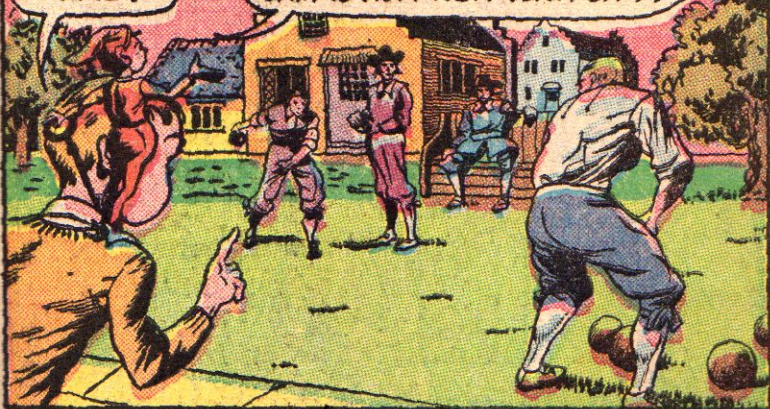
HEY! WH--WHAT'S HAPPENIN' TO ME?



AND SO, TOMMY SUDDENLY FINDS HIMSELF IN A STRANGE PLACE.

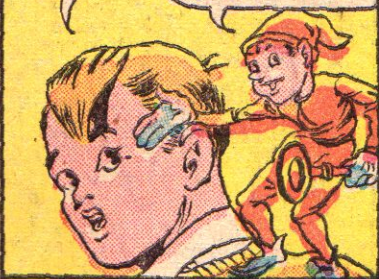
W-WHERE ARE WE? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WE'RE IN NEW AMSTERDAM, SON --- THIS IS BOWLING GREEN! AND IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW IT--NEW AMSTERDAM IS NOW NEW YORK CITY!



NEW YORK CITY? UH-- WHERE'S ALL THE TALL BUILDINGS? WHY ARE THOSE MEN WEARING FUNNY CLOTHES?

HA, HA! BECAUSE THIS IS THE YEAR 1664! I TOLD YOU I'D STRAIGHTEN YOU OUT ABOUT NEW AMSTERDAM AND HERE YOU ARE BROTHER! THE TIME KEY NEVER FAILS!



A CARRIAGE ROLLS BY---

FIE ON YOU-- PEG-LEG!

PEG-LEG, THE WOULD BE DICTATOR! WE'LL BE RID OF HIM SOON!

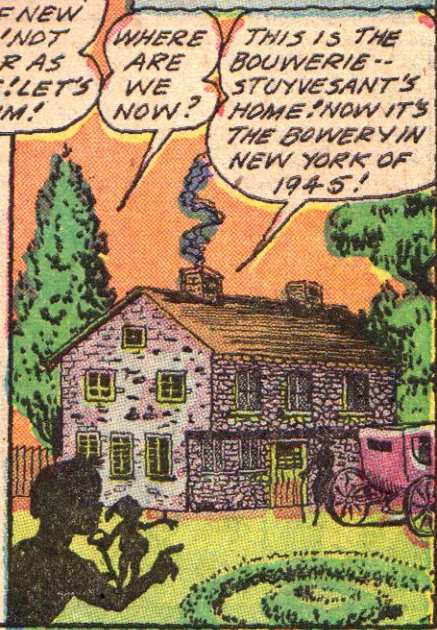
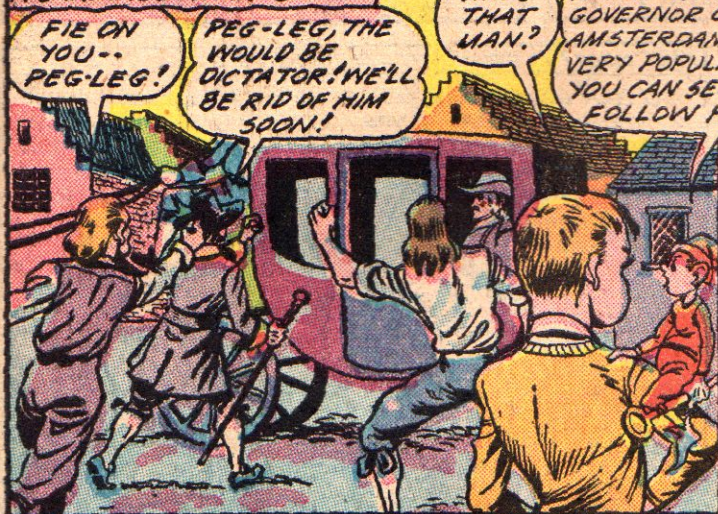
WHO'S THAT MAN?

PETER STUYVESANT, GOVERNOR OF NEW AMSTERDAM! NOT VERY POPULAR AS YOU CAN SEE! LET'S FOLLOW HIM!

A LITTLE LATER---

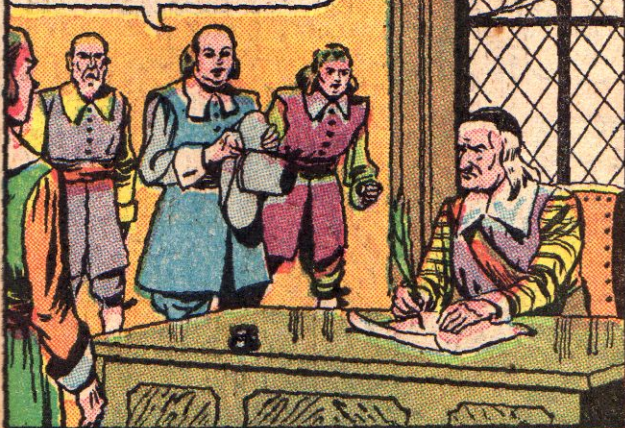
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

THIS IS THE BOUWERIE-- STUYVESANT'S HOME! NOW IT'S THE BOWERY IN NEW YORK OF 1945!



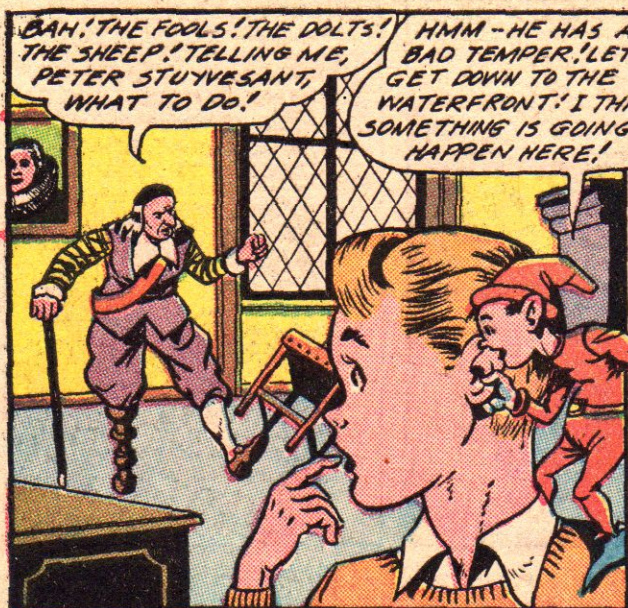
GOVERNOR STUYVESANT! WE REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF NEW AMSTERDAM! WE DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR TACTICS, OR ELSE WE WILL GET RID OF YOU!

YES-- YOU'RE MUCH TOO HIGH HANDED!

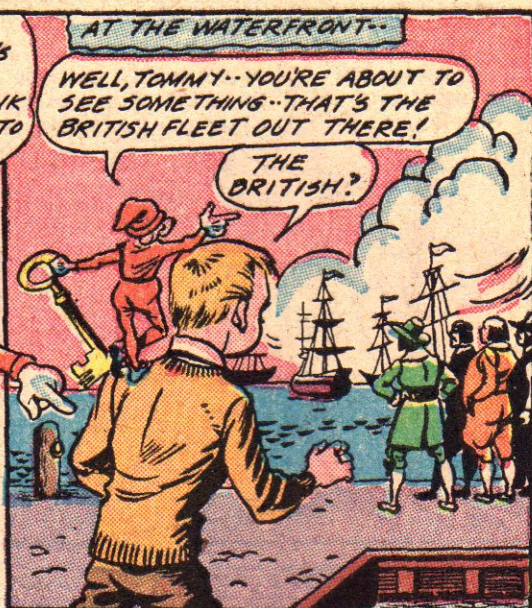


GET OUT OF HERE, ALL OF YOU! MY COMMISSION AS GOVERNOR COMES FROM THE WEST INDIES COMPANY, AND ONLY THEY CAN REVOKE IT! YOU'RE ALL A BUNCH OF CATTLE AND HAVE NO RIGHTS!





HMM--HE HAS A BAD TEMPER! LET'S GET DOWN TO THE WATERFRONT! I THINK SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN HERE!



AT THE WATERFRONT--

WELL, TOMMY--YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE SOMETHING--THAT'S THE BRITISH FLEET OUT THERE!

THE BRITISH?



YEAH--AND SINCE TODAY'S SEPT. 8, 1664--NEW AMSTERDAM IS ABOUT TO BECOME NEW YORK WHEN THE BRITISH TAKE OVER!

BUT WHAT IS GOVERNOR STUYVESANT GOING TO DO?

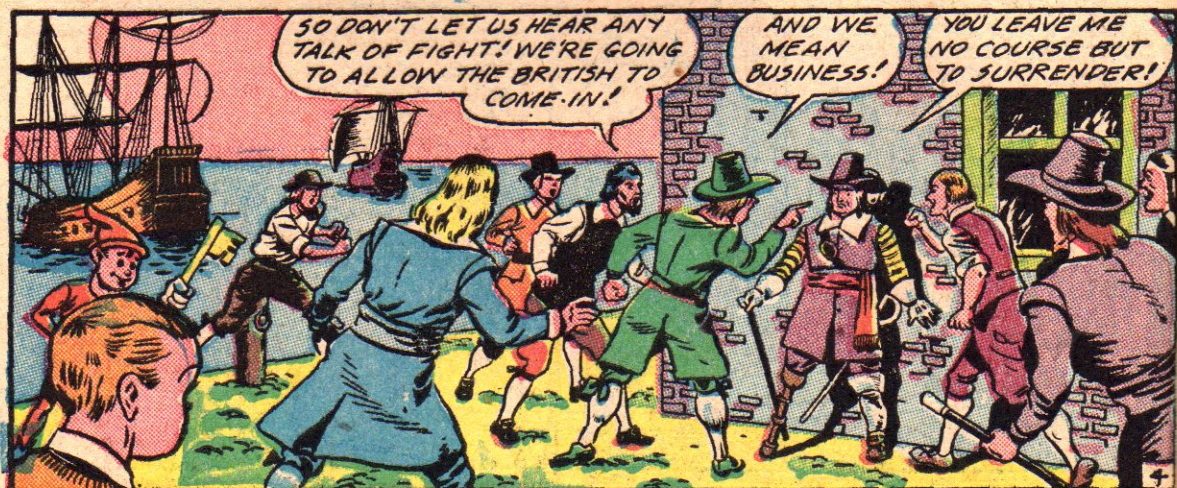


JUST WHAT IS GOVERNOR STUYVESANT GOING TO DO?

YOU CAN DO NOTHING, MYNHEER PETER STUYVESANT! WE WON'T FIGHT!

CONVARS! WILL YOU NOT FIGHT FOR YOUR LAND?

OUR LAND? HA! YOU MEAN THE WEST INDIES COMPANY'S LAND!



SO DON'T LET US HEAR ANY TALK OF FIGHT! WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW THE BRITISH TO COME-IN!

AND WE MEAN BUSINESS!

YOU LEAVE ME NO COURSE BUT TO SURRENDER!

UNABLE TO ORGANIZE RESISTANCE, STUYVESANT SURRENDERS---



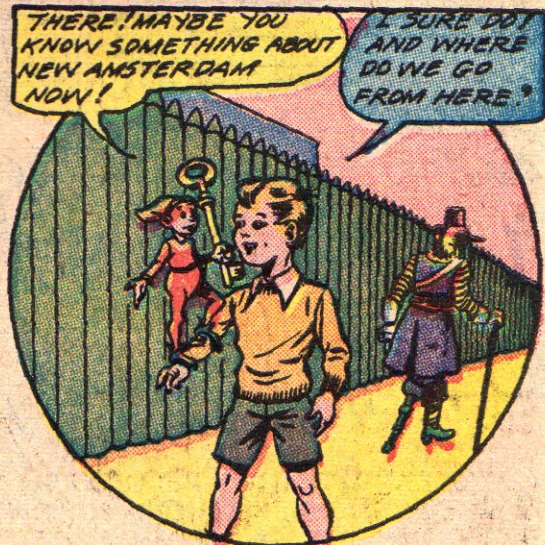
HERE'S MY SWORD, COLONEL NICOLLS!

KEEP IT, STUYVESANT! THERE'LL BE NO HARM TO ANY OF YOUR SUBJECTS. WE'LL MERELY CHANGE THE NAME OF NEW AMSTERDAM TO NEW YORK!



WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?

STAY ON THE BOUWERIE FOR THE REST OF MY YEARS--- AND KEEP OUT OF PUBLIC LIFE!



THERE! MAYBE YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT NEW AMSTERDAM NOW!

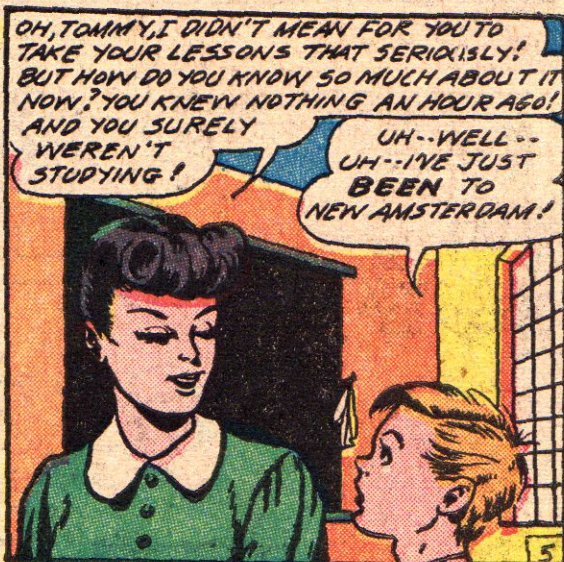
I SURE DO! AND WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



WHAT IS THIS? HAS TOMMY NEVER LEFT THE CLASS ROOM?

TOMMY! TOMMY! WAKE UP--IT'S TIME TO GO HOME!

HUH? WHAT? WHERE IS PETER STUYVESANT? AND THE BRITISH?



OH, TOMMY, I DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU TO TAKE YOUR LESSONS THAT SERIOUSLY! BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT IT NOW? YOU KNEW NOTHING AN HOUR AGO! AND YOU SURELY WEREN'T STUDYING!

UH--WELL-- UH--I'VE JUST BEEN TO NEW AMSTERDAM!

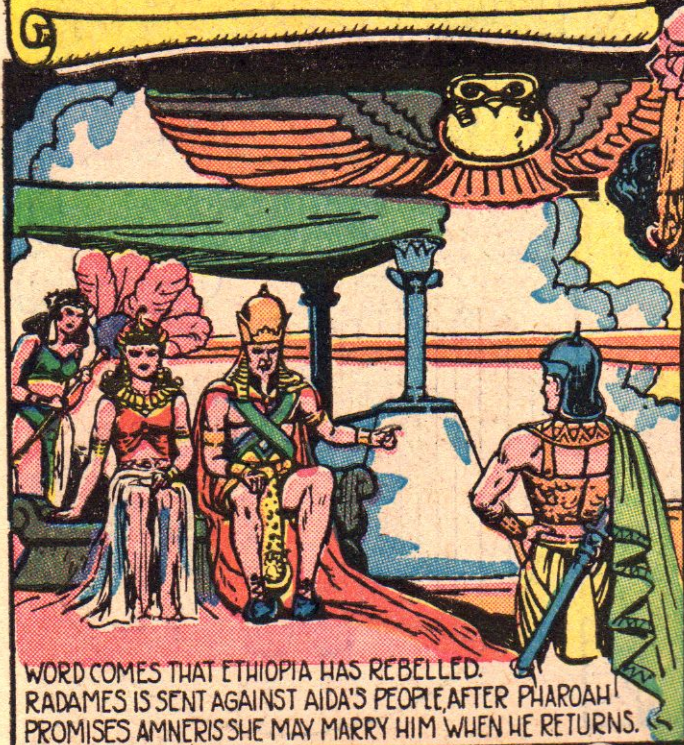
Aida

AIDA IS A STORY OF ANCIENT EGYPT, WRITTEN BY VERDI TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL. PHAROAH HAS CONQUERED ETHIOPIA. AMONG HIS CAPTIVES IS THE DAUGHTER OF KING AMONASRO OF ETHIOPIA, AIDA, WHOM PHAROAH HAS GIVEN AS A SLAVE TO HIS DAUGHTER, AMNERIS. BOTH WOMEN LOVE RADAMES, HEAD OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMY.

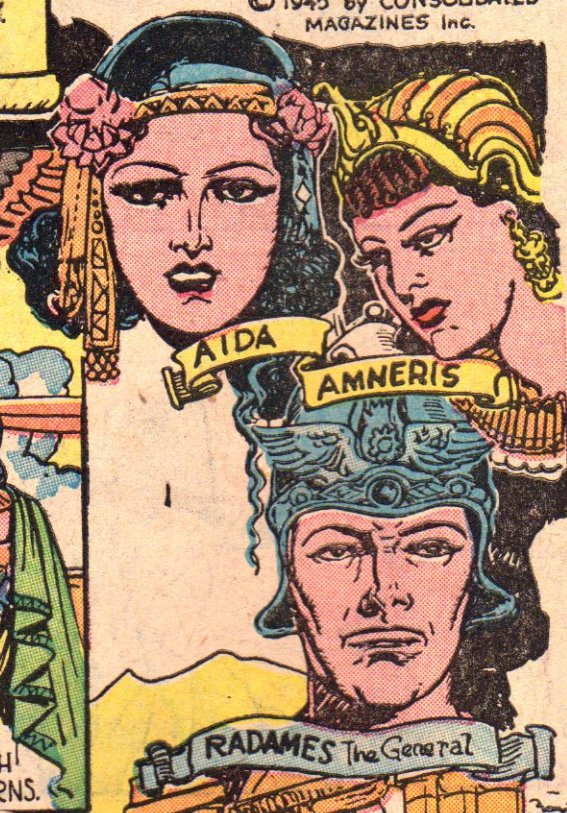


SERIES
OF FAMOUS OPERAS.

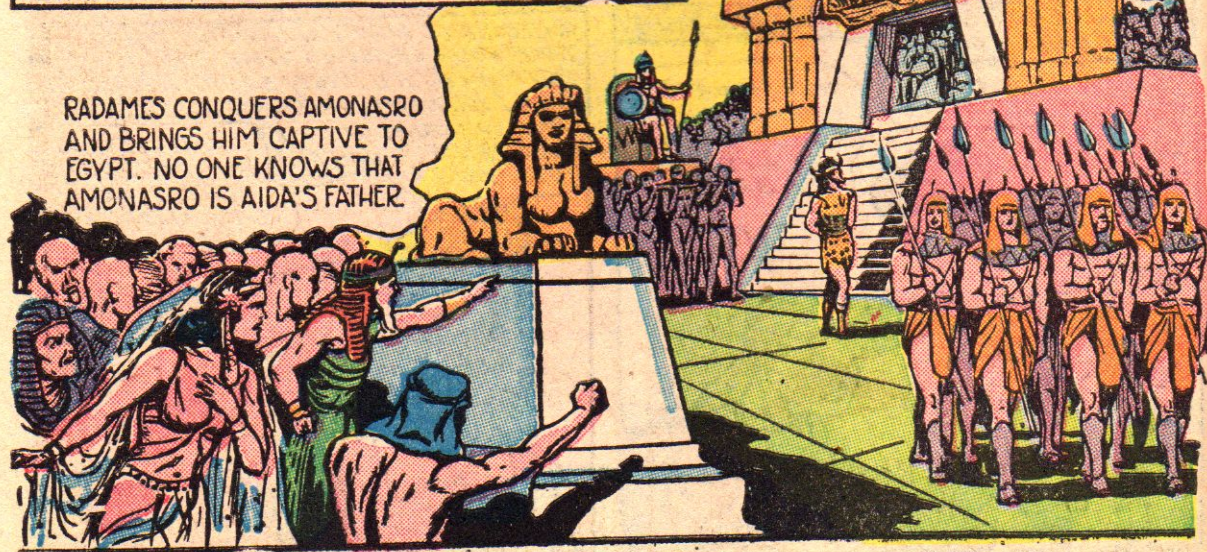
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WORD COMES THAT ETHIOPIA HAS REBELLED. RADAMES IS SENT AGAINST AIDA'S PEOPLE, AFTER PHAROAH PROMISES AMNERIS SHE MAY MARRY HIM WHEN HE RETURNS.



RADAMES CONQUERS AMONASRO AND BRINGS HIM CAPTIVE TO EGYPT. NO ONE KNOWS THAT AMONASRO IS AIDA'S FATHER.

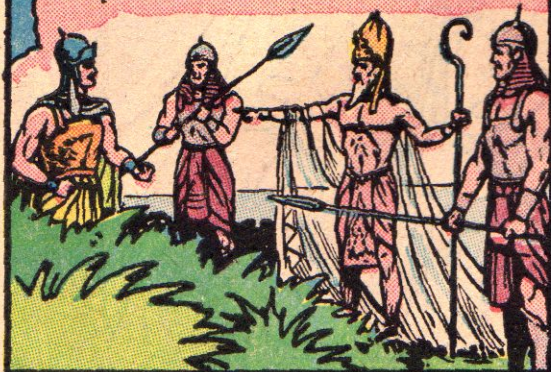


AMONASRO ESCAPES FROM PRISON AND CONVINCES AIDA THAT HER ONLY HOPE OF WINNING RADAMES IS TO PERSUADE HIM TO BETRAY HIS COUNTRY, AND FLEE WITH THEM TO ETHIOPIA.

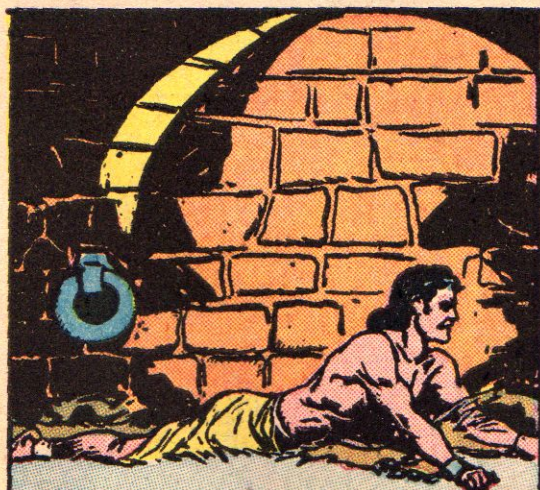
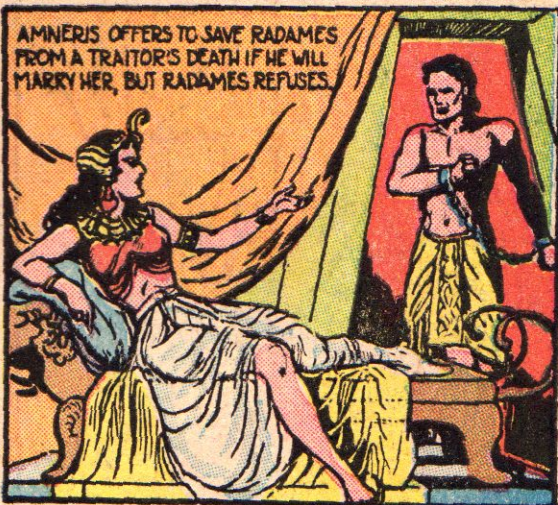


FROM HIS HIDING PLACE AMONASRO HEARS RADAMES AGREE TO FLY WITH AIDA AND REVEAL THE DISPOSITION OF THE EGYPTIAN TROOPS.

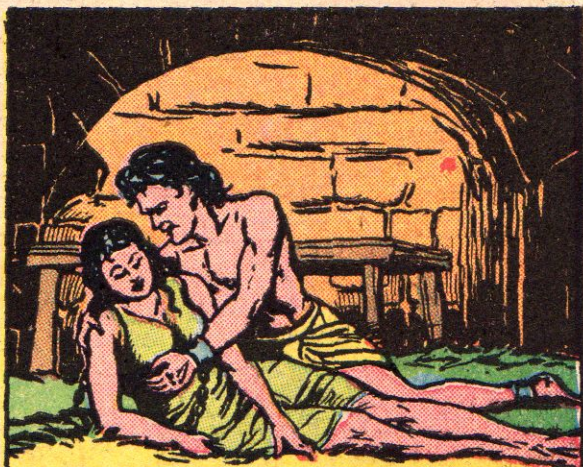
BUT THE HIGH PRIEST OF ISIS TRAPS THEM AND RADAMES IS ARRESTED AS A TRAITOR.



AMNERIS OFFERS TO SAVE RADAMES FROM A TRAITOR'S DEATH IF HE WILL MARRY HER, BUT RADAMES REFUSES.



AND SO RADAMES IS SEALED IN HIS DUNGEON AND LEFT TO DIE SLOWLY. SUDDENLY IN THE GLOOM--HE IS AWARE OF A PRESENCE.



RATHER THAN BE PARTED FROM RADAMES, AIDA HIDES HERSELF IN HIS CELL, AND THUS THEY PERISH IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS--INSEPARABLE EVEN IN DEATH.

DICK DASH

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BOY ADVENTURER.

DICK DASH, SEARCHING FOR HIS FATHER IN THE VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN REACHES OF OUTER MONGOLIA, DISCOVERS THAT HE HAS A WHITE ELEPHANT ON HIS HANDS WHEN HE MAKES OFF WITH "THE SWORD OF GHENGIS KHAN!"



AN AIRFIELD IN CHINA...



YOU ARE, I PRESUME, MR. DASH AND HIS NEPHEW RICHARD?

YES WE ARE!

JEEPERS, ARE WE IN TROUBLE WITH THE COPS ALREADY?

HARDLY, MY YOUNG FRIEND. WE ARE TO AID YOU IN THE SEARCH FOR YOUR FATHER WHO HAS DONE MUCH FOR MY COUNTRY!

FINE.. WE CAN DO WITH SOME HELP!



LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

THE LAST WORD WE HAD OF YOUR FATHER, YOUNG RICHARD, WAS THAT HE HAD ESTABLISHED A HEADQUARTERS AT KHURI-LA! HE WAS THE HEAD OF AN ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION SEARCHING FOR FOSSILS WHICH WERE OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE IN HIS RESEARCH WORK!

WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?

THE GRATEFUL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA WILL SUPPLY YOU WITH A PLANE, A CREW AND SUPPLIES TO SEARCH FOR ARNOLD DASH! I SUGGEST HOWEVER, THAT YOUNG RICHARD SHOULD BE LEFT HERE TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN SCHOOL! IT IS A MISSION TOO DANGEROUS FOR ONE SO YOUNG!

LEFT BEHIND? ME? WELL, I....

YOU HEARD HIM, RICHARD... IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

TOO DANGEROUS, EH? IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO CHASE AROUND AFTER NAZIS... BUT NOT TO LOOK FOR MY OWN FATHER! WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

DAYS LATER, THE EXPEDITION PLANE IS BEING LOADED.....

WHAT ARE THE FIRE ARMS FOR? THINK THERE MIGHT BE SOME JAPS STILL IN A FIGHTING MOOD?

NO SIR... IT'S NOT JAPS! BUT THAT COUNTRY IS PRETTY WILD! IT'S INHABITED ONLY BY MONGOLIAN TRIBES... THEY'RE LIABLE TO GET ROUGH!

WE'RE ALL SET, SIR! AND YOU'D BETTER TAKE THIS!

HMM, REAL WILD WEST STUFF! I'LL SAY GOODBYE TO MY NEPHEW AND THEN WE CAN GO!

DICK! WHERE ARE YOU? WHERE DID THAT BOY GET TO NOW?

COME ON, SIR... WE HAVE TO TAKE OFF!

AND WHERE IS DICK? STOWING AWAY ABOARD THE PLANE, OF COURSE!

UH... WE'RE MOVING... I BETTER KEEP OUT OF SIGHT NOW!

THE PLANE ROARS STEADILY ON...
AND AN HOUR LATER....

I'LL CHECK TO
SEE THAT THE
CARGO HASN'T
MOVED!

I HOPE HE DOESN'T
SEE ME! G-GOSH
I HAVE TO...
SNEEZE!

AHHH
CHOOO!

ALL RIGHT... WHOEVER
YOU ARE... COME OUT
BEFORE I COUNT THREE.
OR YOU'LL BE CHEWING
A COUPLE OF .45 CALIBRE
SLUGS!

D-DON'T
SHOOT...
I'M COMING!

WHY, YOU'RE THE
DASH KID... SAAAY...
YOU'LL CATCH IT
FROM YOUR
UNCLE! C'MON
WITH ME!

RICHARD, I'M ASHAMED OF YOU!
I EXPRESSLY TOLD YOU THAT YOU
WERE NOT TO COME ALONG! NOW
YOU ARE HERE... DON'T YOU
REALIZE THAT YOU'LL BE MORE
OF A HINDRANCE THAN A HELP!

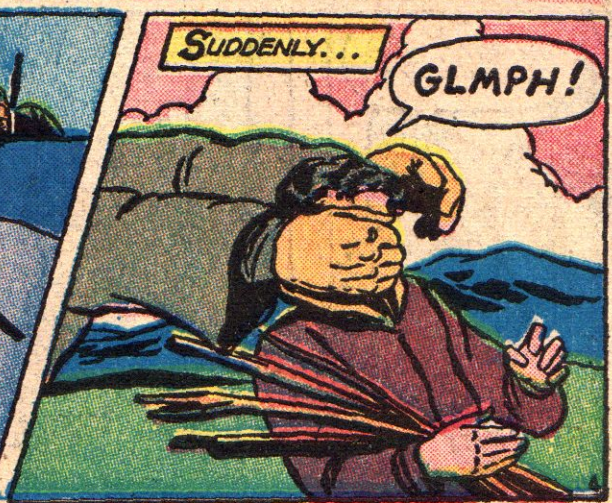
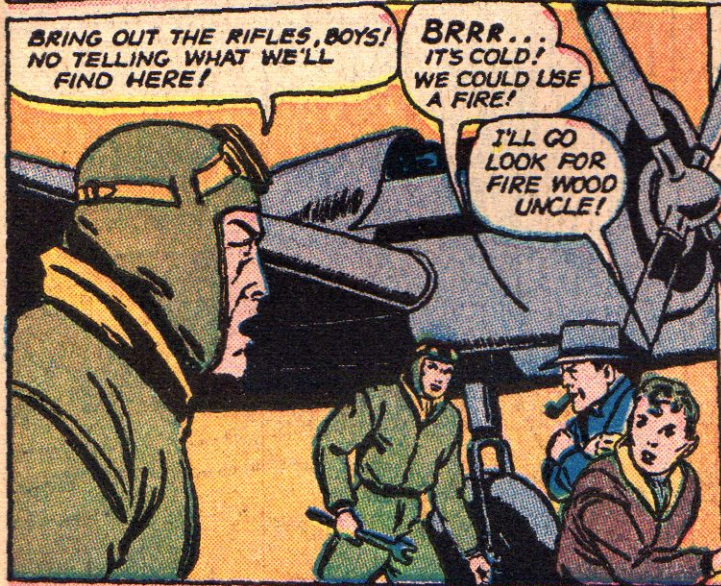
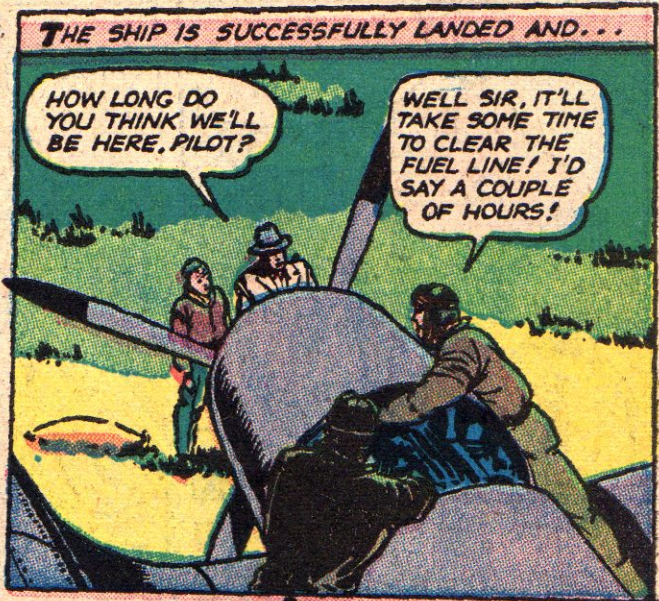
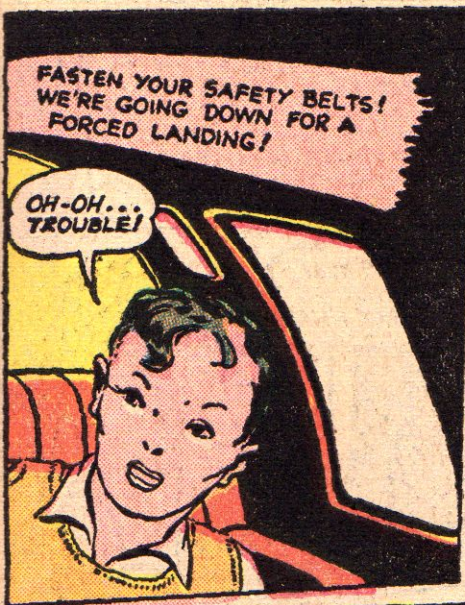
Y-YES SIR, BUT I JUST
COULDN'T RESIST COMING
ALONG!

BUT... NOW THAT YOU'RE
HERE, WE'LL MAKE THE BEST
OF IT! I'M SURE WE CAN
FIND SOMETHING TO KEEP
YOU OUT OF MISCHIEF!

OH BOY! NOW I'M OFFICIALLY
A MEMBER OF THE
EXPEDITION, HUH?

HEY, CHARLIE... THE
STARBOARD MOTOR IS
CONKING OUT! MUST BE
A CLOGGED GAS LINE!
WE'D BETTER SET
HER DOWN!

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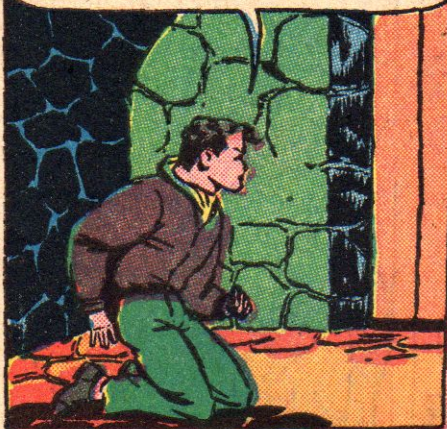




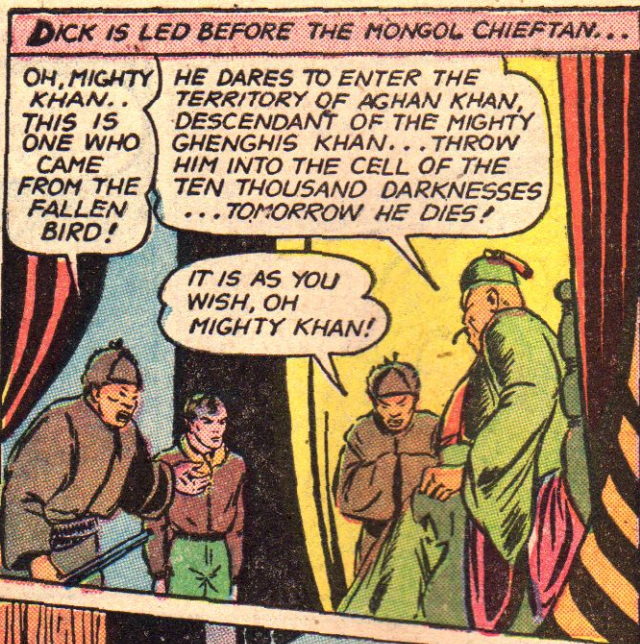
HASTEN!
TAKE THIS ONE
TO OUR
KHAN!

IN THE CELL OF THE TEN
TEN THOUSAND DARKNESSES..

WHAT A MESS! HERE GOES DICK
DASH VIA THE EXECUTIONER'S
AX! BUT WAIT... THAT SPACE
UNDER THE DOOR... I THINK I CAN
DIG IT A LITTLE DEEPER...
LUCKY THE GROUND IS SOFT!
THEN, MAYBE I CAN GET OUT!



OH BOY... I'M
ON MY WAY!

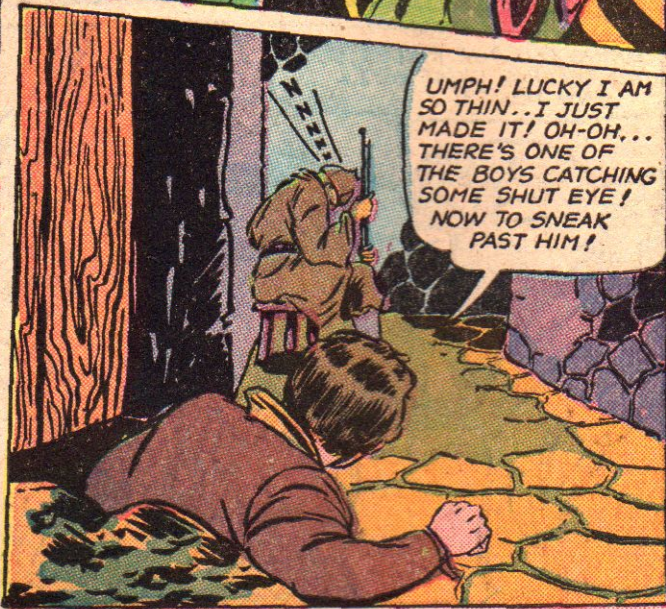


DICK IS LED BEFORE THE MONGOL CHIEFTAN...

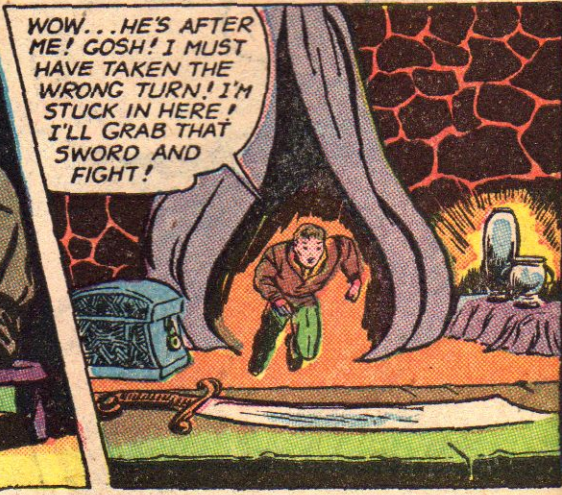
OH, MIGHTY
KHAN...
THIS IS
ONE WHO
CAME
FROM THE
FALLEN
BIRD!

HE DARES TO ENTER THE
TERRITORY OF AGHAN KHAN,
DESCENDANT OF THE MIGHTY
GHENGHIS KHAN... THROW
HIM INTO THE CELL OF THE
TEN THOUSAND DARKNESSES
... TOMORROW HE DIES!

IT IS AS YOU
WISH, OH
MIGHTY KHAN!



UMPH! LUCKY I AM
SO THIN... I JUST
MADE IT! OH-OH...
THERE'S ONE OF
THE BOYS CATCHING
SOME SHUT EYE!
NOW TO SNEAK
PAST HIM!



WOW... HE'S AFTER
ME! GOSH! I MUST
HAVE TAKEN THE
WRONG TURN! I'M
STUCK IN HERE!
I'LL GRAB THAT
SWORD AND
FIGHT!

DICK SEIZES THE SWORD! BUT INSTEAD OF THE DEATH STRUGGLE HE EXPECTS...

COME ON YOU MONKIES I'M READY FOR YOU!

DO NOT TOUCH HIM! HE HAS THE SWORD OF THE GREAT GHENGHIS KHAN!

NO ONE DARE DEFILE THE PERSON OF ONE WHO BEARS THE SWORD!

WE BOW BEFORE THE BEARER OF THE SACRED SWORD OF GHENGHIS KHAN!

KEEP BOWING BROTHER! JUST LET ME GET TO THE HORSES I SAW OUTSIDE... THEN BACK TO THE PLANE!

DICK REACHES THE HORSES, BUT THE MONGOL CHIEF...

AFTER HIM FOOLS! HE IS MAKING OFF WITH THE SWORD! I COMMAND YOU! HE WHO DEFILES ME DIES!

YES, MIGHTY KHAN!

COME ON NAG LET'S GO!

AFTER A FAST RIDE...

QUICK! GET READY! A WHOLE PACK OF MONGOLIANS ARE AFTER ME!

WHERE WERE YOU? THE PLANE IS READY!

LOOK! THEY'RE COMING!

UP YOU GO MY BOY, SWORD AND ALL!

HURRY SIR, WE CAN'T KEEP UP THIS FIRE! IT'S TOO DARK! THEY'LL INFILTRATE!

THE PLANE TAKES OFF...

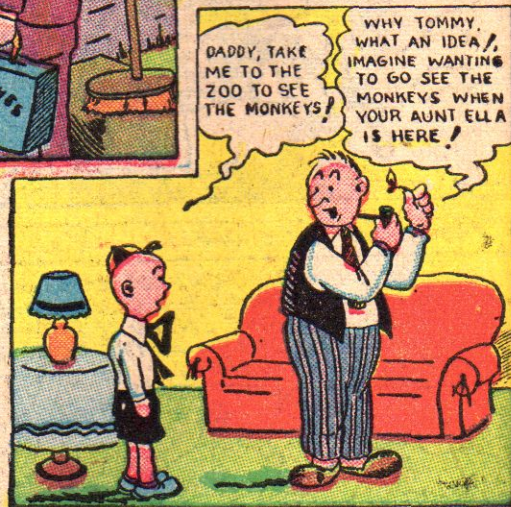
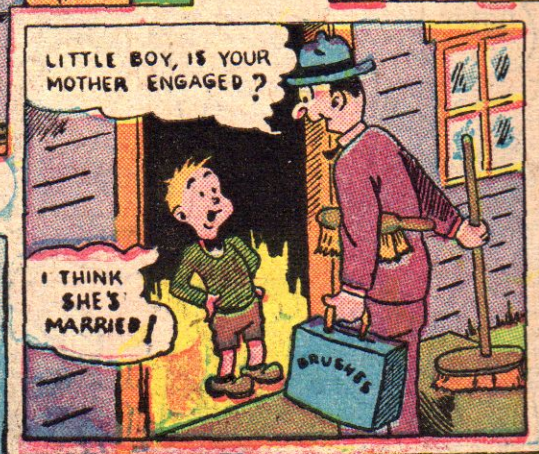
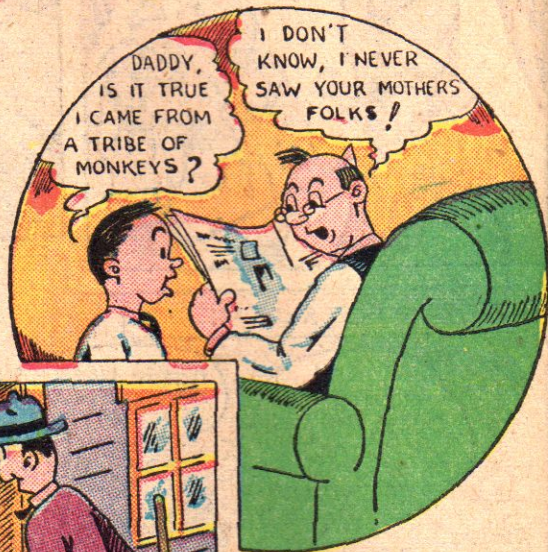
HOLD YOUR FIRE! WE CAN NOT BRING DOWN THE GREAT BIRD! BUT WE WILL WARN ALL THE TRIBES THAT THE SWORD OF GHENGHIS KHAN HAS BEEN STOLEN BY THE INTERLOPERS! THEY WILL PAY DEARLY!

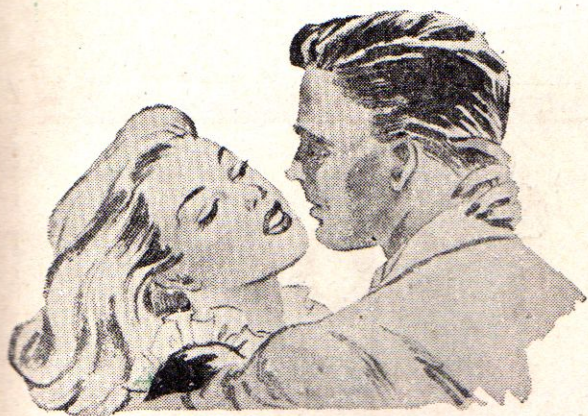
DICK TELLS HIS UNCLE THE WHOLE STORY.

THE SWORD OF GHENGHIS KHAN! NOW EVERY TRIBESMAN IN THESE PARTS WILL BE LOOKING FOR US! WE'RE IN TROUBLE!

WOW! WHEN I DO SOMETHING I DO IT UP RIGHT! IT COULDN'T BE A BREAD KNIFE THAT I GRABBED! IT HAD TO BE THE SWORD OF GHENGHIS KHAN!

Funny People





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...when You Know How!

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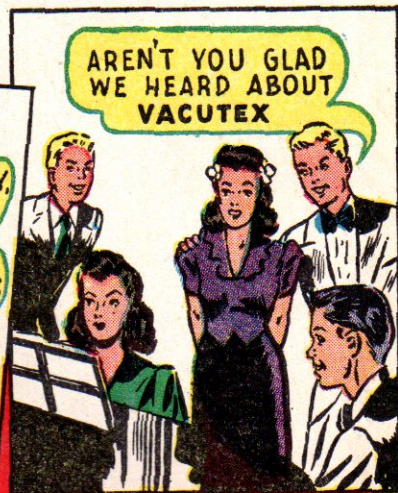
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